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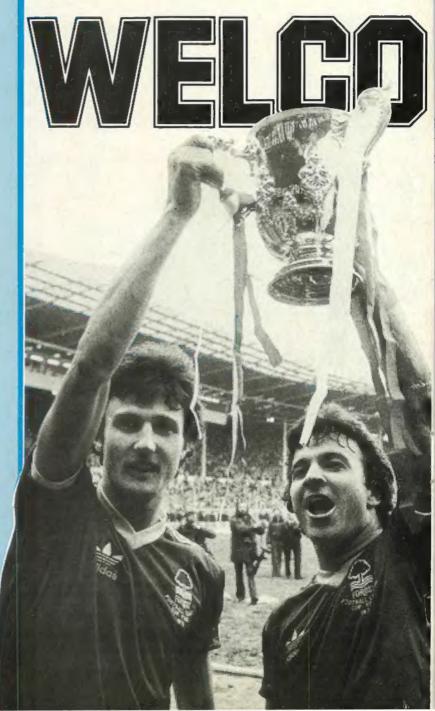
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Manager of European Club champions Nottingham Forest . . . Love him or hate him, you can't afford to miss his opinion.



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ATKINSON

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Presenter of BBC's 'Match of the Day'...
Jimmy brings you the stories behind the TV soccer headlines and analyses the action.

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WELCOME to MATCH WEEKLY, the new football magazine which will set new trends and standards for other soccer publications to follow.

With this first great issue we aim to generate a new excitement among football fans, an excitement that we plan to build on to bring you the very best coverage of domestic, European and world soccer.

Our object is simple . . . to improve on anything currently available. Look through this first 48-page issue and I think you will agree that we have achieved it.

Melvyn Bagnall: Editor

Starting today, MATCH WEEKLY will provide its readers with a unique soccer service. You need convincing? Then just look at our all-star line-up of regular columnists.

Kevin Keegan and Brian Clough, Steve Coppell and Ron Atkinson, Osvaldo Ardiles and Jimmy Hill – not a bad first team squad, and you should see our reserves!

Now turn to our Match Facts pages. There you will find a results service second to none and the information will appear only days after the games are played. From next week we will carry the results of the full Saturday programme on the following Thursday!

Topicality is also the key to our fabulous Match Action pictures. Each week at least one of our colour spreads will bring you action from a game played just a few days earlier. That's real action . . . Match Action!

Add to this the liveliest, best-informed and most crisply presented feature and news material — together with scores of big action pictures every week — and you can see why we are confident that MATCH will be a winner.

Inside this issue you will find your free 84-page sticker album and your first pack of stickers. More stickers next week.

And on page 44 our free-to-enter competition offers a free trip to the European Championship finals in Italy, plus 100 other great prizes.

There are lots more offers to come. So remember – Thursday is MATCH Day. Place an order with your newsagent now. There's no doubt about it – MATCH is in a league of its own.





LOOKING back over my 12 years as a professional footballer I have made three crucial signings. The first was with my first club Scunthorpe United, the second was with mighty Liverpool and the third with my current club, Hamburg.

Now I have made a fourth—with MATCH WEEKLY magazine. And if before reading my first column, you have already scanned the rest of this first great issue, you will know what I mean when I say this signing will be equally as successful as the previous three.

What I like about being able to do a MATCH WEEKLY column is that it gives me a connection again with all my fans in England. I still get hundreds of letters a week from my home, which proves people are still interested, but of course the distance has made it harder for me to keep in touch.

I answer my mail here but I get so many letters I have a three month backlog. I can sit down and answer 60 in a night but another 20 will arrive the

following day.
When Laura Jane, my nine
month old baby daughter, was ill
recently, people at home didn't
find out until she had recovered.

I have a fan club at home which is run by my younger brother Mike in Doncaster, where he lives with my mother. But until now that was my only connection.

I am an English footballer and I do play in the national side. However, that involves coming back only four or five times a year. Now I have a strong regular link through my MATCH WEEKLY

Left: The brilliant Kenny Dalglish, a major threat to any team in this year's European Cup.

Europe's No.1 footballer writes for Match Weekly



Phil Thompson, the new Liverpool captain. It would be great to meet his team in the European Cup final.

column and in the future I will be bringing you news of myself and my family and giving my views on fooballers and football wherever the game is played.

Incidentally, anyone who thinks that all my fan mail comes from Liverpool would be very much mistaken. Most of the members of the fan club are from down south and I get a tremendous number of letters from that area.

Many of the letters I receive ask the same question. Will I be coming back to play in England again? The answer is that there is a definite chance I will return



Franz Beckenbauer – the 'Kaiser'. It is a compliment that the German people should accept me as they did him.

to the English League but I just cannot say for certain what the future holds. I am the sort of person who decides today what he will do tomorrow. That's not to say I don't plan for the future, I do. I plan for when my football is finished and so on, but I don't think football is a game in which you can plan too far ahead.

Who would ever have thought that I would have come to Germany when I said I wanted to leave Liverpool? I was thinking of

Now people are talking about me going to Spain when I leave Germany, which probably means

MEN ON THE MOVE

MAD DOGS and footballmen come out in the midday sun . . . , the short summer of 1979 will surely go down in history as the time when the transfer market finally lost all grip of its senses. Imagine 17 Trevor Francis' all

Imagine 17 Trevor Francis' all lined up in a row and you have some idea of the amount of money that changed hands. Our list published alongside details all the moves in England and Scotland — and the total comes to more than £17,000,000.

Hardly a day went past without a big name being blasted across the back page headlines. They all took it in turns: Cunningham, Wilkins, Francis, Flanagan and Currie, etc.

But the major wheeling and dealing was carried out at Manchester City. New team manager Malcolm Allison dumbfounded the football world by splashing out more than a million on relatively unknown strikers Mick Robinson from Preston and Bobby Shinton from Wrexham. Leaving Maine Road were experienced international stars Dave Watson, Asa Hartford, Peter Barnes and Gary Owen.

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Everton - Burnley	*£100,000

I will go somewhere like Italy or or maybe back to America England.

Just recently my name has been linked with America. Every year the American scene improves and it is a move I have thought deeply about. In fact, I very nearly went to play for Washington Diplomats this summer, just as Trevor Francis spent the summer with Detroit Express. But I am glad I decided against it — I don't think you can be responsible to two masters.

The football here in the

Bundesliga is so demanding, the training so hard, that I think it would have been too much for me. As a big name I would have been under great pressure to

produce the goods.

And after being under pressure for the title from Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern right to the end of the season, I would not have wanted to have to start all over again in America. The decision not to go hurt me but now I realise it was for the best.

Looking into a crystal ball I can only say that I am settled here at the moment. The way I have been accepted here is just unbelievable. The lads at Hamburg say that only Beckenbauer was accepted by the people in the same way. When you think that he is a German, the biggest player they have had here, the 'Kaiser', it is one heck of a compliment to me.

I have come through all the problems here now. I enjoy a



I still thrill to the prospect of playing for England, and there is little to match the satisfaction of scoring for my country. The standard of football in Germany can help keep my England place.

fabulous lifestyle and the excellent standard of football must help keep my England place intact. It keeps me on my toes and I am very fit.

Perhaps most important, my wife Jean is very happy here. We can actually go shopping, which we could never do in Liverpool; we have a nice house in the Duvenstedt district and she has made friends. This, together with the fact that the doctors have

been marvellous with our baby, is the main reason we stayed on

for another year. It turned out to be the right decision, of course, with Hamburg winning the league and therefore qualifying for the European Cup. Now my dream is to play in the final against Liverpool. It certainly won't be an easy ambition to achieve. especially with Nottingham
Forest in the competition as well,

NEXT WEEK I'll tell you how I rate Hamburg's chances in the European Cup and give my opinions on Liverpool and Forest.

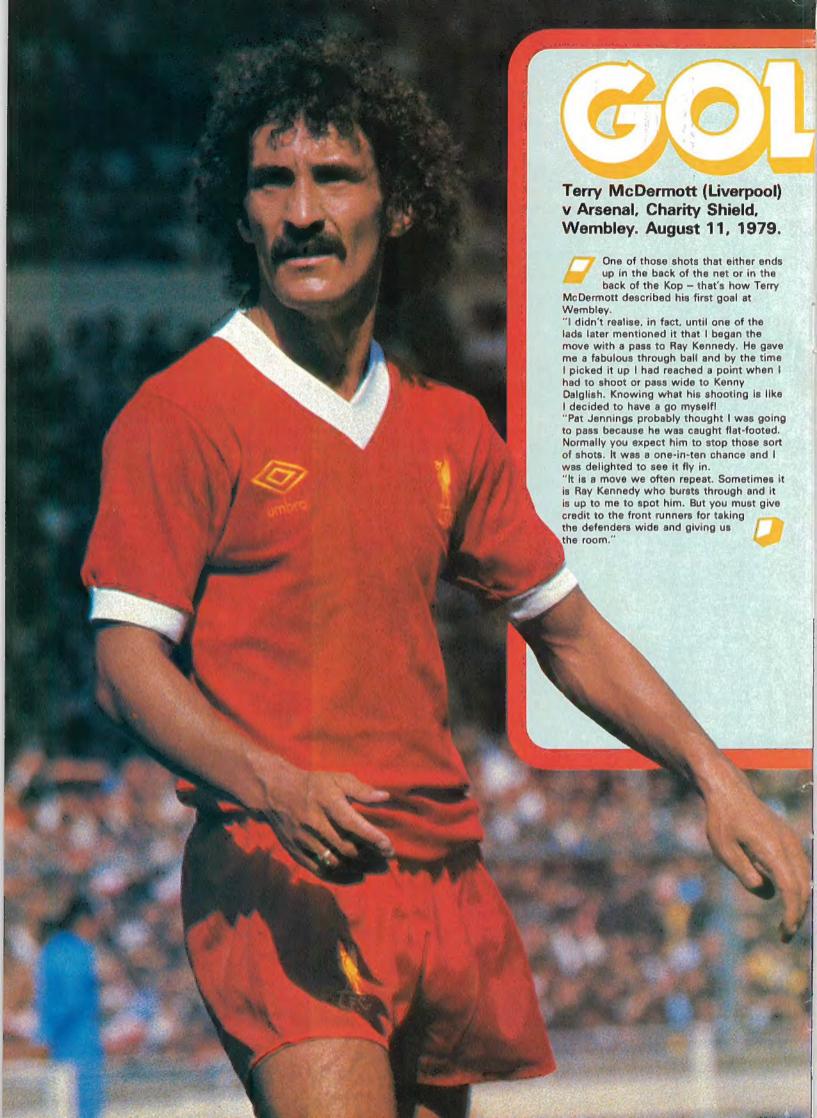
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Luton - Lincoln	€20,000
Brian Chambers	
Milwall - Bournemouth	€29,000
John Evanson	
Fulham - Bournemouth	£20,000
lan Nimmo	
Sheffield Wed - Doncaster	£20,000
Shaun Penny	
Bristol City - Bristol Rovers	£20,000
John Stome	
Darlington - Grimsby	£20,000
Dennis Wann	
Darlington - Rochdale	£20,000
David Pullar	
Portsmouth - Exeter	£15,000
John Ward	
Lincoln - Watford	£15,000
Dennis Byatt + Gary Sargent	
Peterborough - Northampton	£12,000
John Templeman	
Exeter - Swindon	£12,000
Billy Tucker	
Bury - Swindon	£11,000
Terry Cooper	
Lincoln - Bradford City	£10,000
Colin Foster	
Mansfield - Peterborough	£10,000
Danny Bowers	
Stoke - Crewe	*£8,000
David Smith	
Notts. Co Torquay	£5,000

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SATURDAY September 8

Division One

Derby v Arsenal
Aston Villa v Man U
Bolton v W.B.A.
Spurs v Brighton
Ipswich v Bristol C
Liverpool v Coventry
Wolves v C. Palace
Stoke v Everton
Nott'm Forest v Leeds
Man C v Southampton
Middlesbro' v Norwich

Division Two

Chelsea v B'ham
Bristol R. v Watford
Burnley v Oldham
S'land v Cambridge
Charlton v Wrexham
Cardiff v S'bury
Q.P.R. v Fulham
Leicester v Notts C.
Luton v Swansea
Orient v Newcastle
Preston v West Ham

Division Three

Barnsley v Mansfield.
W'don v Blackburn R.
Sheff Wed. v Brentford
Exeter v Bury
Carlisle v G'ham
Chester v Millwall
Ches'fld v Colchester
Grimsby v Plymouth A.
Hull v Sheff. Utd
Oxford U v Reading
Roth'ham U v Swindon T.
Southend v Blackpool*

Division Four

Bournem'th v Wigan A.
Aldershot v Scunth'pe
Bradford C v Lincoln U.
Crewe A v Port Vale*
Hartlepool U v Darl'ton.
Doncaster R v Torquay U*
Northampton T v Halifax U
Hereford U v Tranmere R
Hud'sfield T v Newport C.
York C v Peterboro'
Portsm'th v Stockport C
Rochdale v Walsall

*Played Friday Sept 7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division One

Division Two

Premier Division

TUESDAY

Division One

Division Two

Albion Rov. v Alloa Brechin v Stranraer Falkirk v East Fife Forfar v Queen's Park Mead'bank v E. Stirling . . . Q of South v Montrose . . . St'muir v Cowdenbeath . . .

UEFA U 21 Cup

England v Denmark..... (at Watford) Wednesday (September 12)

Euro Nations' Cup

England v Denmark..... (at Wembley)

INTHEF

FIRST let me say how pleased I am to be writing regularly for MATCH WEEKLY. The Editor assures me that the magazine is not going to pull its punches in any way and we'll give everyone plenty of opportunity to express their opinions and that includes YOU the reader.

You may think I enjoy more than enough opportunity to express my views on football during Match of the Day, but it can be frustrating. For instance, there are only two matches covered in the programme, and I tend to concentrate on one of them as you know. The guts of the programme is the action from the two matches with a touch of news and personal comment to spice the mixture.

Generally, I will make a two- or three-minute comment about the game, perhaps highlighting one or two topics of interest. It's amazing how often when the programme is over we find we have only really scratched the surface and how much there is left to discuss and argue. Of course that's part of the fun.

Some people do misunderstand or misinterpret remarks which I make on Match of the Day. Mostly



Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables.

it's done, I think, because they are so wrapped up in the fortunes of their own team that they find it



Foreign imports like Arnold Muhren, Ipswich Town's Dutch midfield star, have meant changes in tactics and skills to our own game.

IRINGLINE

'Some people do misinterpret my remarks on television,'

says Match of the Day's JIMMY HILL

difficult to take a wider view of things. I am accused of making remarks or criticisms I have not really made at all. That's why I like the written word as well.

In MATCH WEEKLY each week I shall be able to keep you in touch with the stories that go on behind the stories. We shall be able to follow up the topics and the arguments that come up and work to bring them to a logical, truthful conclusion. We want you to understand more of what really happens in football.

I sometimes feel that supporters are often kept at arm's length in an attempt to make the game a mystery to outsiders. If you feel like that after becoming a regular reader of MATCH WEEKLY then we would have failed in our mission.

So we have started a new season in a game that never stands still. It will be different this term in the football league — there are slight changes going on all the time. Ardiles, Muhren, Sabella and others have made their mark on tactics and skills. The Chinese play the same game as we do, but they play it in another way, as do the South Americans, the Arabs and the North Americans who will before long develop their own special style.

Throughout the world it's a never-ending struggle to improve and get to the top. Winning is very important, but it should never become so important that it's impossible to enjoy a game of football that has been lost. It should be a game for twenty-two players to enjoy, not eleven.

Nevertheless, we all feel a tingle of excitement with the season in its early stages, wondering whether it might be the one when our favourite team will achieve glory. It's exhilarating to have been able to start with hope and a clean sheet. Last season might have been disastrous, but who knows what the gods of football have in store in the coming months.

Just take the First Division and think of the questions that have to be answered there. Predicting winners is difficult, but there are quidelines to help.

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To start with it's worthwhile considering the difficult compositions and strength of the clubs involved. The big city clubs with powerful support have a better chance of winning honours than their less fortunate competitors.

Clubs who can pull in over

40,000 people regularly, should be better equipped — clubs like Liverpool and Everton, Manchester United and City, Tottenham, Arsenal and Aston Villa come to mind.

That élite group are closely shadowed by clubs who, whether as a result of current success or past reputation for winning the trophies, can pull in useful crowds when the weather is fine — clubs like Nottingham Forest, Leeds United, possibly Wolves, West Bromwich Albion, Derby County and a revitalised Bolton.

Then there's the group of clubs who have to live by their wits to find ways of challenging their illustrious opponents such as lpswich, Coventry, Bristol City, Norwich, Southampton, Middlesbrough and Stoke.

are capable of anything both on and off the field. The ground is beautifully situated and I feel that their South London neighbours will feel the pinch if Palace are as successful as their supporters are hoping.

Brighton, under Alan Mullery, have generated tremendous enthusiasm for the game in Sussex, a county tasting the heady First Division atmosphere for the first time in history.

For fun, I tried a little experiment to rate the chances of Championship success of each club in the First Division. The factors considered were crowd potential, recent and past winning tradition, the direction of the club (by that mean their vision and strength of the board plus the ability of the managerial team) and lastly, the strength of the playing staff.

I'm not divulging the whole league table but surprise, surprise, Liverpool came out on top and Nottingham Forest were narrowly second with Arsenal, Manchester United, Everton, Leeds, West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa and Ipswich all on the same mark, not far behind.

Of the promoted teams, Crystal Palace had the highest mark and try as I might I couldn't get Coventry out of the middle of the table. But, who knows what will have happened when the season ends!



Spurs and Argentina's Osvaldo Ardiles has already left his mark on the British game – just one of the reasons why the country's football scene is constantly changing, according to Jimmy Hill.





why we went through with it. And I'll tell you this – even at £1 m it.

In next to no time.

Signing Trevor Francis for £1m was

one of the best day's musiness I've

done in football

menagement.

was one of the best day's business I've dans in football more general, it's one of my great ambitions to be

running my own business and if I was able to invest £1m in a commodity

like Trevor, I'd be a millionaire myself

money on an asset I know is going to appraciate in value, I reckon that in

Just think about it - I've spent that

same way. There's no point in paying out big sume of money for players if you are not going to get value in return

Take our summer signings Ase Hartford and Frank Gray, They came to us with pedigrees as long as your arm and aithough it might take them a little while to settle down, I know we will get our return from them.

At the end of last season we took

stock and Peter and I decided we had to strengthen the pool and bring down, the average age of the side. Ase is 28 and Frank 24 and they

replaced Archie Gemmill, who is 32, and Frank Clark, the youngest 35 year-old around.

Archie and Front Warn players I would stake my life on, if necessary, so it says much for the quality of the two newcomers when I say we are satisfied that we have not weakened,

the side in any way.
White I'm mentioning Archie and Frank there are no better examples anywhere of getting value for money

from players. Archie cost us £20,000 plus John Middleton, who was rated at £190,000, when we signed him from Derby. We had two tremendous seasons from him — and sold him to Birmingham at a profit.

Frank cost us nothing and we didn't receive anything for him but in between we had four magnificent years of service.

It's not generally appreciated their we are as good at selling as we are at buying. Look no further than Peter Withe, who we bought for £40,000 He helped us win promotion, the League Cup and the Pirst Division hefore going to Newcastle for quarter of a million.



Frank Gray, Forest's £400,000 riesa season signing from Lauric

I wonder whether some of the clubs who have been throwing money around as if it was going out of fashion get the same kind of value from their deals.

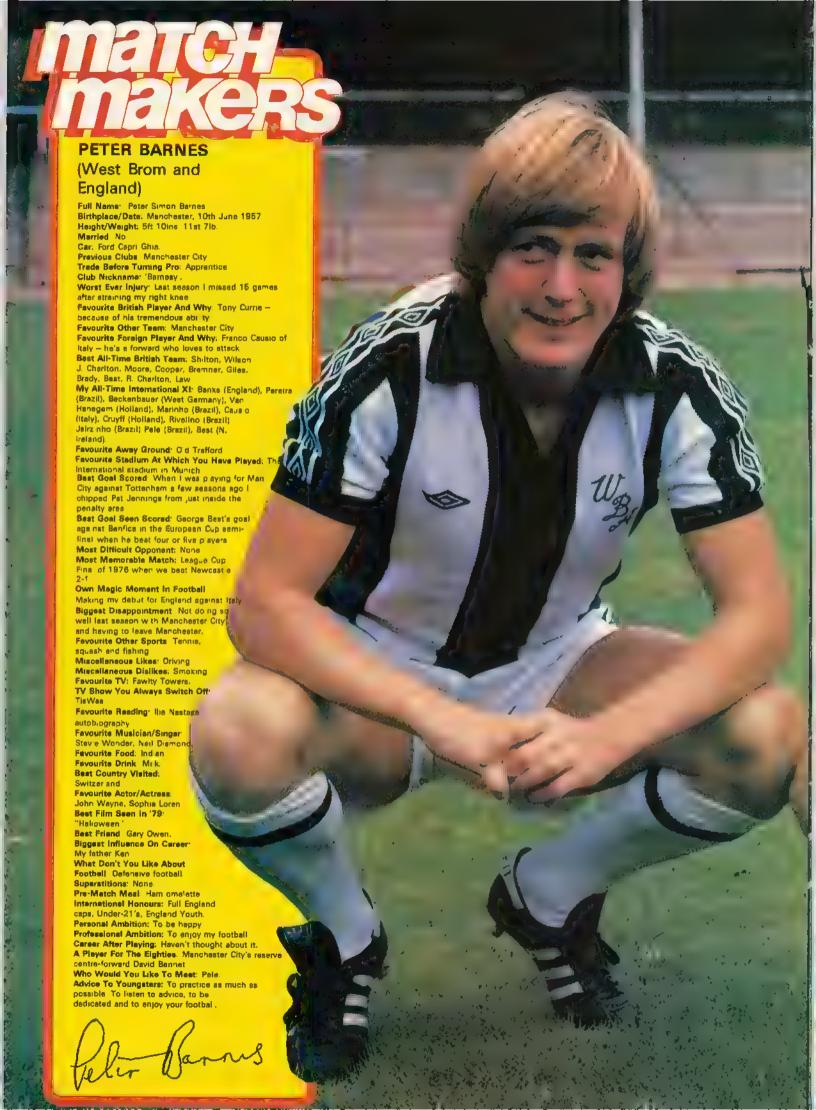
Some incredible prices have been paid this summer for players I've hardly heard of before.

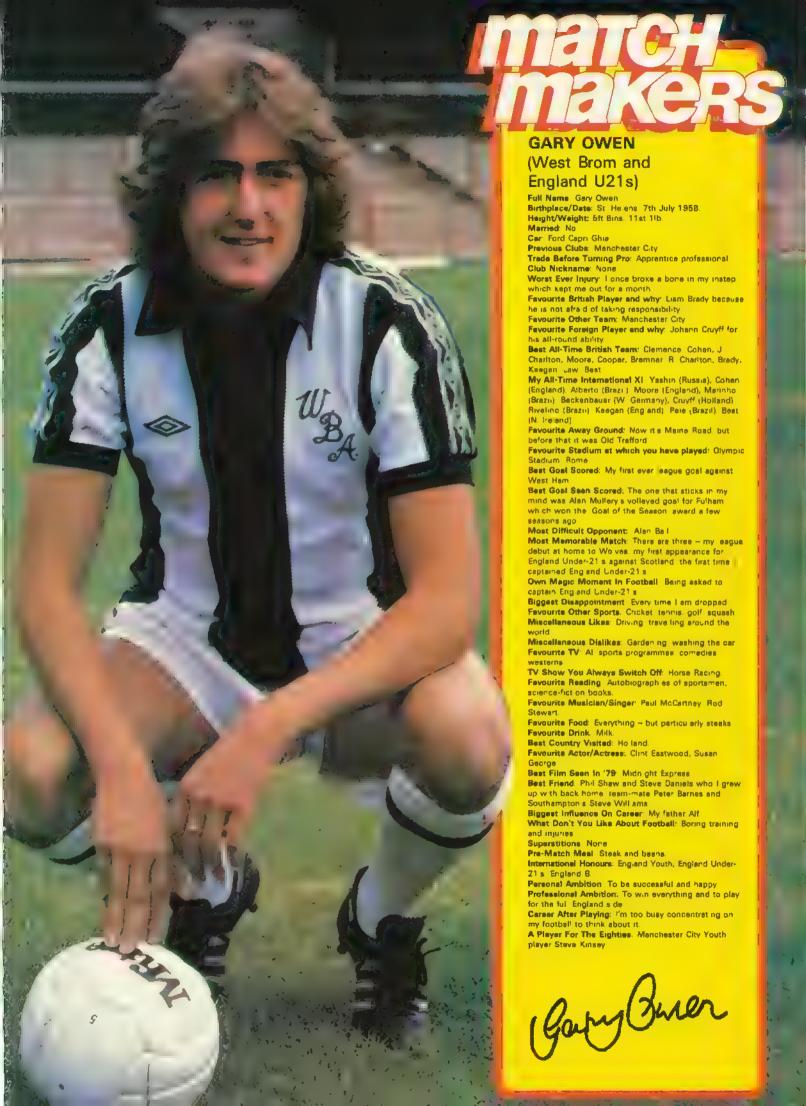
I only hope for the survival of the clubs and the futures of the managers concerned that they know what they are doing. Peter and I do!

NEXT THURSDAY I will be writing on the newly ", promoted teams — Stoke, Palace and Brighton — and the difficulties they will. encounter in the First Division



Asa Hartford, £400,000 buy from Manchester City. It will take him and Gray time to settle, but I know we will get our return from them says Glougha





Wewsbriefs





NOW IT'S WOLVES

ONE of the least publicised moves of the summer involved lan Ross who left the skipper's job at Peterborough to join Wolves as player-coach. With Emlyn Hughes also joining the Molineux men the youngsters at Wolves will benefit from experience second to none. Ross learned his trade at

Ross learned his trade at Liverpool under Bill Shankly and made 42 first-team appearances. He ater moved to Aston Villa where Ron Saunders made him skipper of his promotion-winning side in 1974/5.

He led the team to a League Cupvictory the following year. Ross later had loan spells with Peterborough, Northampton and Notts, County before joining 'Posh' on a permanent basis.

After two years under John
Barnwell at Peterborough he has
rejoined his old boss at a time of
change. Barnwell and his assistant
Ritchie Barker have, in their short
time at the club, built a new
enthusiasm and expectancy around

the famous Midlands cub and Molineux itself has undergone a multi-million pound facelift.

The first stage is now complete and the brand new Molineux Stand was opened in time for the home match with Ipswich. Costing 2½ million it incorporates an upper level of 6,000 reserved seats and a lower level of 3,000 unreserved seats.

Sandwiched in between are 42 private boxes to be leased on a three-year basis.

The cantilever stand is concave so every spectator will look into the pitch. The pitch itself will be moved approximately 18 yards either side as the rest of the development takes shape.

When complete — the target is between eight and ten years — Mol neux will be oval shaped and will be a central stadium for the local community, said Wolves' commercial manager and former top referee, Jack Taylor.



MADE IN LEEDS

THE summer departures of Terry Cooper and Norman Hunter from Bristol City have brought the number of former Leeds' team-mates who have switched to management and coaching to six.

And it all goes to show the enormous influence manager
Don Revie passed on to the United team which left everyone
in its wake in the early seventies.

Johnny Giles took West Bromwich Albion Into the First

Johnny Giles took West Bromwich Albion into the First Division and helped make them a feared side in the top flight. Jack Charlton did the same at Middlesbrough before attempting a major rebuilding job at Sheffield Wednesday.

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Allan Clarke, once the Leeds' 'goal machine', is fast
making a name for himself at Barnsley as player-manager —
taking them into the Third Division in his first season there.
And Billy Bremner is hoping he can match that success this
season with Doncaster.

The two new additions to the 'exiles' club are both settling into their first season as player-coach. Terry Cooper has moved across Bristol to join Rovers and Norman Hunter has once more teamed up with Clarke at Barnsley.

So it was something of an old boys' reunion when Barnsley entertained Wednesday on the first Saturday of the season, a game which attracted an outstanding Third Division gate of 22,360. But just to make sure things didn't get too friendly Wednesday's Curran, McCulloch and Mellor netted for a 3 – 0 win.

DREAM COMES TRUE

FRANCISCO Pasto saw a dream come true when he walked through the gates of Portman Road, lpswich, during the close-season,

The ten-year-old Spaniard, a 'Blues' fanatic, was able to meet his heroes and get autographs. His holiday visit coincided with loswich's photo-call and most of the first-team squad were there.

Francisco was born in Harwich but moved to his father's home country at an early age. Despite this he has never had any time for the Spanish clubs. He plays football at his school near Barcelona in blue and white colours and is an avid reader of lipswich programmes which his uncle sends

Francisco must also deserve an award for bravery, For last season when ipswich visited Barcelona in the European Cup Winners' Cup he was out at the front cheering on Mick Mills' men.





WALLACE HAS TO COOL IT

IT WAS an icy start to the new season for Coventry's dynamic Scottish forward Ian Wallace. And it was nothing to do with the weather. Wallace spent three weeks with his left foot in a bucket of cold water after damaging ligaments in his ankle

It was a repeat of last summer when he also missed pre-season training with ankle trouble — after tripping over his dog Bonniel This time the dog was blameless. Wallace chased a long through-ball in a practice game at Portsmouth, jumped over the goalkeeper to avoid a collision and landed awkwardly.





LUCKLESS HANSBURY

ROGER Hansbury can count himself one of the unluckiest players in the game. His long-awaited chance to establish himself in the Norwich first-team goal has been put back at least two months . . . thanks to a freak training incident when he broke a bone in his leg.

He twisted badly coming out to challenge young reserve player Steve Goble and heard the tell-tale crack as he went

down,

Hansbury was also in the wars at the beginning of last season, a broken finger keeping him out of action when he looked set to challenge the evergreen Kevin Keelan for the first team jersey.

Keelan had since departed to the States to play on loan for Noel Cantwell's New England Teamen in the North American Soccer League, but answered an Emergency "help me out" call from Norwich boss John Bond.

call from Norwich boss John Bond.
Who was at Heathrow to welcome Keelan off the 'plane?
None other than Roger Hansbury.



CLUBS BOND KNOWS BEST

NORWICH manager John Bond has taken more than a passing interest in his former clubs Bournemouth and West Ham since moving to Carrow Road in November, 1973

November: 1973
Former Hammers John
McDowell and Alan Taylor — just signed by Bond for £80,000 and 90,000 respectively — followed his £80,000 deal for Bournemouth centre-half Roger Brown.

And in the past Bond has captured Phil Boyer, Kevin Reeves, Tony Powell, David Jones, Mel Machin, John Benson, Paul Nightingale and his son Kevin - all of whom have seen service with the South Coast Club.

From West Ham he signed Ted

From West Ham he signed Ted MacDougall and Graham Paddon and also made overtures for Pat Holland, Frank Lampard and 'Pop' Robson



BONETTI'S TRAVELS

PETER Bonetti's decision to sign for Dundee United makes him the most travelled player in Scotland For Bonetti faces a combined ferry and car journey to every game.

Bonetti had originally intended to retire at the end of last season and bought a boarding house on the late of Mull. United persuaded him to return to the big-time and were prepared to waive their rule that players must live in or around Dundee

Bonetti trains by himself on the island. On match days he drives to the ferry, catches the boat to Oban and then makes another long journey to the game

Despite the travelling he has

really settled in well and is a firm favourite with the Tannadice crowd



OXFORD GRADUATE

NEW assistant manager to Ron Atkinson at West Bromwich Albion is Mick Brown (above) formerly manager of Third Division Oxford United

He replaces Colin Addison, last month appointed manager of Derby County Mick was a coach at Oxford when Atkinson was the club's centre-half and captain ten years ago

"We have been friends for many years, so when he asked me to take the job I had no hesitation. It's a great opportunity," said

Formerly a full-back with Hull City, Lincoln and Cambridge, Mick joined Oxford in 1969 and was appointed manager following the sacking of Gerry Summers in October, 1975

Oxford's new manager is Colin Asprey, who could hardly have wished for a better start to the season than his team's 5 – 1 home trouncing of Rotherham



WHAT A TRIP!

THE LAST Scotland supporter to return from the Argentinian adventure flew into Glasgow this summer showing off his sun tan and fluent Spanish, and still cursing his team's performance in the '78 World Cup

One person delighted to welcome Jim Langan back was brother Thomas. For Jim had just five hours before he was due to be best man at his brother's wedding!

Before dashing off to hire a suit Jim told reporters of his journey of a lifetime. It began when he took a cheap flight to New York. He hitch-hiked through the States and South America and reached Cordoba in time for Scotland's ill-fated opening game with Peru. "I saw all the Scotland games and I'm still feeling sick about it." he said.

Jim's return journey was via Bolivia. There he got a job prospecting for gas in the jungle He later taught English in a local school. He only decided to return home when his brother wrote inviting him to be his best man.

JOE'S JOKE

JOVIAL Joe Mercer recently celebrated his 65th birthday and couldn't resist a joke to mark the occasion. "It's great," he said "Pension paid into the bank and a free bus pass. You can't beat retirement age!" Joe still finds it hard to believe that he's a director of Coventry City "after all the things I used to say about directors"





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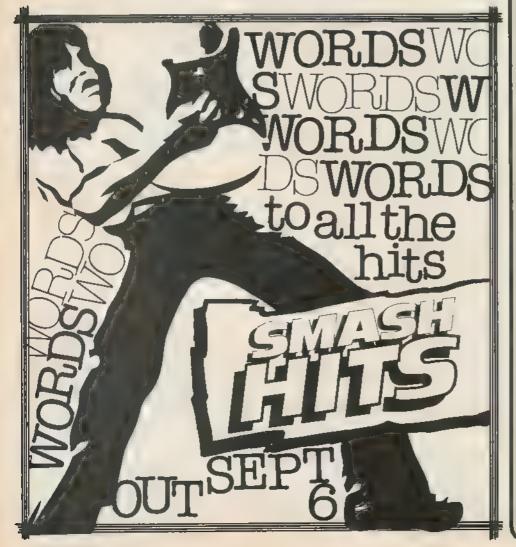
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Question: When the Football League started, were the teams divided into divisions? If so how did they decide who want where?

Rod Phi lips Southampton

 No Rod, there were 12 teams in one division known as the Football League when it started in 1888/89

Question: How many non-First Divis on teams have ever won the FA Cup? Which are they? Clive Baker Southal

● There are seven Clive. They are six from division two — Notts County (1894), Wolves (1908), Barnsley (1912), Wast Bromwich Albion (1931), Sunderland (1973) Southampton (1976) and one from the Southam League Tottenham Hotspur (1901)

Question: My Dad says Stanley Matthews was one of the all-time greats of English soccer. How many games did he play for his crubs and country and how many goals did he score?

Gary Morris, Burcham

He piayed 322 games for Stoke, 379 for
Blackpool and 54 full internationals for England. He also
played in 29 wer-time and Victory games for England,
twice for Great Britain v the Rest of Europa and 13 interLeague games. He scored 95 goals in all, four for
England – including a hat-trick against Czechosiovakia
in 1937

Question is it correct that George Best and Pat Jennings made their international debuts for Northern Ireland in the same game?

Steve Harken Liverpoo

Yes Števe it was against Waies at Swansea in
1964 Ireland won 3-2 Best replaced Billy Bingham in
the number seven shirt – bringing to an end Bingham's
line 13-year run for the Irish

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Question: Is it right that Villa's Andy Gray owns a hight club and sometimes serves belind the bar when he's not playing football?

Andy opened 'Holy City Zoo' in the centre of Birmingham last year it is managed by Andy's brother Duncan.

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Question: Is it possible to find out which English League team has let in the most goals since its formation?

Malcolm Evens, Newport

Blackburn Rovers hold this unenwable record

Malcolm Last season they became the first to 'crack'

5.000 goals and by the and of the season they had
conceded 5.012 Wolves are next. They we let in a total
of 4.884

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Question: I know goalkeepers are a lowed to score but how often has it happened?

Terry Wright: Coventry

• It's happened more times than you think Terry
The most goals accred in a season by a goelkeeper is
live, all penalties, by A. Brich of Chesterheld in 1923/4
Recent 'keepers to hit the mark were Pat Jennings for
Totenham against Manchester United in the 1967
Chanty Shield linel, Peter Shilton for Leicester v
Southampton, also in '67. Bay Ceshley for Bristol City v
Hull in 1973 and Alex Stepney who scored two
penalties in season 73/74 against Leicester and
Birmingham He later put one against the crossbar in a
match v Wolves – and then had to make a mad dash to
the other end to prevent them scoring!



IF YOU want to know something about the game of soccer, past or present, our team of experts might be able to come up with the answer.

Write to Match Weekly Midgate House, Midgate,

e to Match Weekly Midgate House, Midgate Peterborough PE1 1UB THE START to last season was tremendously exciting for me. My first taste of English football soon after all the euphoria of the World Cup

This season promises to be just as exciting. I am delighted to be writing for MATCH WEEKLY and I'm going to enjoy keeping you in touch with my football world. I only hope you will look forward to reading the articles as much as I look forward to writing them

To kick off the first column I thought I'd talk about the situation in Argentina. It's amazing but 15 months after the event all the talk in my home country still centres on our World Cup win.

Because of that magnificent achievement and the increase in violence at league matches, attention has switched dramatically away from the domestic action to the international scene.

I couldn't believe it when I went back to Argentine in the close-season. Even now we are still treated as heroes. Wherever I went people recognised me. Everybody feels that they are my friend.

It's like that all over Argentina but in my home town of Cordoba it's so much worse. Wherever we stayed the house was always full of well-wishers. Every day there were invitations out, requests to make personal appearances and this sort of thing.

It got so bad that in the end I said to my wife: enough's enough. Today I'm not going anywhere. Today I'm staying here with you and the children. Eventually we had to cut short our stay in Argentina and went to Spain to escape all the attention

But I mustn't give the impression that I don't want people to take an interest in me or my career. It is better that people want to know you than vice-versa. I would hate to be ignored in the streets. This is the price of being famous and I must accept it. At the start you enjoy it because of its novelty but later it sometimes gets too much.

When I was 'back home' I met up with most of my World Cup winning team-mates, I played in two games, against the Rest of the World, and against Holland to celebrate FIFA's 75th Anniversary. It was great to play again with Fillol, Passarella and Luque, etc

The games gave me another opportunity to marvel at the superb talents of a player who is without doubt the best I have ever seen in the world. Of course, I'm talking about Diego Maradona who will eventually be a better player than Pele was. I have no doubt about that. Diego certainly captured the imagination of all the fans who saw him during his

trail-blazing summer. I know the Scottish supporters were impressed with what they saw.

Some people are saying Diego's temperament lets him down

But have no fear on this score. I know Diego to be a humble person and not big-headed at all

Spurs entertain Brighton this Saturday, it will be my first look at the new boys in the First Division and I shall be interested to see how they perform.

 NEXT THURSDAY'S column will look at Spurs' chances of winning trophies this season and the teams I feet Diego Maradona

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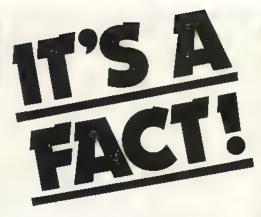
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'Pop' Robson - one of only five with a two ton goal tally.



DURING the close-season Halifax Town and Rochdale have both paid their first-ever £20,000 transfer fees and Crewe Alexandra their first of £10,000. It all left Darlington and Tranmere as the only clubs among the 92,apart from comparatively new club Wigan Athletic, never to have paid as much as five figures for a player.

◆ There are only five current Football League club players who have totted up a two-ton haul of goals. Here's the list: Ted MacDougall (Bournemouth, 247), Brian Clark (Newport County, 222), Allan Clarke (Barnsley, 219), Tony Brown (West Brom, 212), and Bryan Robson (Sunderland, 207).

● Centre-half Chris Nicholl has been in promoted teams of four different clubs – Halifax Town (from Division Four in 1968 – 69), Luton Town (Three in 1969 70) Aston Villa (Three in 1971 – 72), and Southampton (Two in 1977 – 78).



Chris Nicholl - 'Mr Promotion'



Graham Taylor - Up, up, up!

●Roger Brown's arrival at Norwich from Bournemouth marks still another move along that well-worn route. Since manager John Bond left Dean Court for Carrow Road in November, 1973, all these have followed him: assistant-manager Ken Brown, and players John Benson, Ted MacDougall, Phil Boyer, David Jones, Mel Machin, Tony Powell, Mark Nightingale, and Kevin Reeves!

 Waisali are making a habit of changing their chiefs more frequently than just about any other club among the 92. At all events in the last 12 months Dave Mackay, Alan Ashman, Frank Sibley, and now, Alan Buckley have sat in the Fellows Park managerial hot seat!

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This will surprise most fans: the biggest gate at any Football League match all last season was 56,156 on the opening day to see Manchester United and Birmingham, who were relegated Will this season's biggest first day crowd remain the top to the end?



Alan Buckley – his turn for the Walsall 'hot seat'.

Managers with a mascot flair; John Toshack (Swansea) led his team to promotion twice in the last two seasons, Graham Taylor (Watford) three times in the last four, Alan Mullery (Brighton) twice in the last three and Terry Venables (Palace) twice in the last three! Any addition from any of them this season?

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HALF TIME

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher, who compiled this week's brain teasing quiz.

Turn to page 42 for the answers. If you got all 20 correct, you too could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title Between 10 and 20 correct — you're a pretty knowledgeable fan, well above average. Below 10 . . . keep practising — and read your MATCH WEEKLY every week!

- 1. For which North American soccer league team does Trevor Francis play?
- Name the Second Division player Manchester City paid £750,000 for in the summer of 1979?
- 3 Name the Englishman who managed Malmo to the European Cup Final?
- 4 Name the Israeli International signed by Liverpool from Maccabi Tel Aviv?
- 5 Which Spanish club failed in its bid to take Bobby Robson from Ipswich?
- 6. Who captained the victorious Argentine team in the 1978 World Cup Final?
- 7. Which West Bromwich Albion player scored the first league goal of the 1978, 79 season?
- 8. On which grounds do the following play their home games?a) Orientb) Stoke Cityc) Preston North End
- 9. Who refereed the 1979 F.A. Cup Final?
- For which Spanish club does Mario Kempes play?
- 11 Who scored Sunderland's winning goal in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final v Leeds?
- 12 Which team were the first winners of the Football League Cup in 1961?
- 13. Which clubs have the following nicknames?

 a) The Lions b) The Baggies c) The Shakers
- 14. Which club won the F.A. Youth Cup in the successive seasons 1976/77 & 1977/78?
- 15. Name the Japanese substitute who scored with his first kick for Cologne v Nottingham Forest in the first leg of the 1979 European Cup Semi-Final?
- 16. Name the Frenchman who scored a goal after 33 seconds against Italy in the 1978 World Cup Finals?
- 17. Name the managers of the following Football League Clubs?
- a) Sunderland b) Coventry c) Blackpool 18. Which player scored 4 goals on his debut for Wales v Malta in October 1978?

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The names listed here are hidden in the diagram. They run in all directions — vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Many are printed backwards. But they are always in a continuous straight line, with all the letters in their proper sequence. Some letters are used more than once, others on the grid aren't used at alf.

As you find the solutions, put a line through them. Check the result against the grid on page 42.

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 THE Republic of Ireland who take on Wales next week will be hoping to get back into a winning groove for the vital European Championship matches which are looming up.

The friendly game in Swansea on Wednesday, kick off 7.30, was arranged to give both countries match practice for the more gruelling hurdles which follow

Although Wales are better placed to qualify for the Rome finals, manager Johnny Giles will stress to his linsh team that a win at home to Bulgaria on October 17 will put them right back in the race

Eire lie in third place in Group One two points behind England and Northern Ireland but they have a game in hand on their Irish rivals.

G les has had to find replacements for two of his key players. Striker Mick Walsh of Q.P.R. broke his right arm in a preseason game in Denmark. And Tottenham defender Jimmy Holmes broke his right leg in the 2–1 European Championship defeat in Bulgaria in May

Stoke City centre-forward Brendan O'Callaghan and Brighton winger Gerry Ryan seem certain to fight it out for Walsh's place. New Luton mid-field signing Tony Grealish may well be switched to full-back as cover for Holmes

The only other meeting between Eire and Wales was in Dublin in 1960 Wales won 3 - 2.



 GLENTORAN mid fielder Roy Waish, under a three-month contract with New Jersey Americans, may settle permanently in the United States

IRISH SCENE



Northern Ireland team manager Danny Blanchflower makes a point to a group of his Irish squad during a training session. He has killed off rumours he intends resigning by saying: "I have a job to do and I'll see it through to the finish."

Tulsa Roughnecks plan a £40,000 bid for him as well as for Irish international striker Billy Caskey (Derby County).

(Derby County).
"Caskey was a big hit with our fans two seasons ago. We would like him back," said Roughnecks manager Noel Lemon

Derby signed Caskey for £60,000 from Glentoran — a sum which they would expect to get in any trans-Atlantic deal



NORTHERN Ireland team
 manager Danny Blanchflower has

killed rumours he intends resigning because of ever demanding pressures at Chelsea.

"I have a job to do and I'll see it through to the finish. I just don't feel any strain," said Blanchflower,

But he could step down when the European Championship ends next September with a successor appointed for the 1980 World Cup qualifying series.

And the main contender? Martin Harvey ex-Sunder and wing-half and now assistant manager at Carliste. His appointment could be on a full time basis with overal responsibility for all Irish F.A. national sides.



 IRISH League Linfield are to embark on a £250,000 improvement scheme at Windsor Park, Belfast, Northern Ireland's international match venue

Last season they installed a £100,000 floodlighting system rated among the best in Britain and based on the Old Trafford plan.

New turnsties are being constructed together with a complete perimeter wall, a 1,000 vehicle car park and a restaurant An electric scoreboard, too, is included in the blueprint.

"We have studied the set-up at many continental grounds. Some of the ideas have been introduced at Windsor Park," said Secretary Derek Brooks.

Government grant aid of £80,000 has been approved while the Irish F.A. allocate 20 per cent of international gate receipts to the club as a ground rent. Last season this pulled in almost £100,000 — the turnover also of the flourishing social centre.

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MANCHESTER United's stop-go transfer of Ray Wilkins was only one of many big signings that kept soccer to the forefront of the sporting headlines this summer. And in this, my first MATCH WEEKLY column, I would like to wish Ray all the best in his career at Old Trafford.

For a long time now people have been saying that we need a mid field general, someone to slow things down and give us direction

things down and give us direction.

Ray fits the bill ideally. He is probably the crispest passer in English football and I hope he does well for us this season and helps us to make a sustained challenge for the title.

Because of the constant comings and goings of players there can hardly have been a close season break for managers and scouts. I don't think I can recall a period when there has been so much transfer activity.

The reason for all the movement was placed firmly at the feet of the players by no less an authority than Bob Paisley. He says it is the greediness of players that is causing all the problems

Quite rightly Bob cites Ray Clemence as the ideal professional whose loyalty is being repaid by a testimonial and a new four year contract.

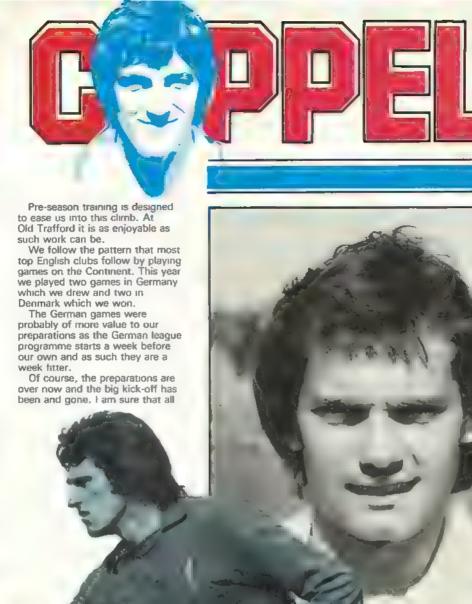
But I feel that Liverpool are an exception because of the fact that they win trophies every year. Most footballers play for prestige, money and professional pnde. I will leave it to you to put them in any order of priority you wish

of priority you wish
At Liverpool all three of these
are satisfied. That is why their
players always seem reluctant to
leave it is easy for them to honour
their contracts

However, loyalty is a two-way thing and more clubs should appreciate this. The players' loyalty should not be enticed with the promise of a testimonial after ten

years service.

All too often these games are dependent on other factors. Such as the weather, if the team are



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MATCH WEEKLY

NEXT THURSDAY

United's new recruit Ray Wilkins.

Ray Clemence – quite rightly described by Bob Paisley as the ideal professional.

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doing well, and the standard of the pre-match publicity.

the Saturday afternoon spectators,

the armchair critics and indeed the players themselves are delighted that the newspaper promises and predictions are all lined up on the

shelf ready and waiting to be

knocked down.

It seems irrational to me that the value a club has for loyalty should be calculated according to the weather on a certain night

Clubs should reward loyalty so that players are not eager to move and make their five per cent from a transfer

I mentioned earlier the lack of a break for managers during the summer. Well, it's also getting like that for players. It seems only five minutes ago that I was returning home from the England tour.

People often ask whether I look forward to the new season. Being totally honest this year I was a little apprehensive. I likened it to being at the base of an 11-month high mountain on which you cannot see if the route is full of pitfalls, if the summit contains a pot of gold or if it is barren. The only thing you are certain of is that it is going to be a hard climb.







New Welsh wizards

I HOPE your magazine will focus attention on one of the most exciting teams in the League at the moment

I'm talking about Swansea City, whose success story under their player-manager, John Toshack, is a very special one. There can't be many other clubs who have come back so far so fast

In 14 months, thanks to Toshack and his great squad, City have gone from the Fourth Division to the Second Division

This season, I see no reason why they should not be challenging for promotion to the First Division.

People tend to write off Wales as the land of rugger, male voice choirs and coal mines, but Swansea City have proved that Welsh soccer is alive and kicking, too.

Daniel Edwards, Swansea

• We shall find it hard to overlook such a telented outfit, Dan, so I'm sure Swansea will feature in our pages sooner or later. First Division promotion, of course, is the biggest hurdle of all and to achieve the leap from the bottom to the top in successive years will be a fantastic achievement. Good luck!

Now watch the ref . . .

WHEN football on the box gets too boring, try watching the officials.

I base my assessment of their contribution to the entertainment on trying to work out whether they have ever played footbalthemselves

It is quite easy. A referee who has not kicked a ball in anger usually reacts nervously to any backchat from the players, while ignoring off-the-ball incidents.

The real crunch comes in interpretation of fouls. A referee who waves a yellow card for incidents which look bad but were narmless and accidental — while missing the naughty, fully-intended, but well hidden, misconduct of some so-called professionals — won't usually have taken part in competitive soccer. It's a pity more of our officials — and commentators — don't start at playing level.

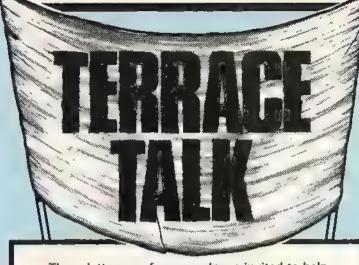
Pat Armstrong, Coventry

•Well, Pat, I suppose a 'Situations Vacant' small ad for a referee would have to read something like this. "WANTED. Super-ref. Must be ex-Forest player (ex-Liverpool poss considered), perfect eyesight (inc. back of head). Sixth sense essential."

It's all just too much

I AM a keen fan of Aston Villa, the main attraction for me being Andy Gray's playing.

I was sorry to see that he had been transfer-listed and I think the



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Chinese style could start a revolution

WHILE watching the Chinese Republic national team play West Bromwich Albion on the television recently, I couldn't help thinking that these visitors from the Orient could teach us all a thing or two.

I know they lacked a lot of the skills and teamwork that we take for granted in Europe, but it was obvious to me that the Chinese had come here to learn. They probably expected to be beaten, yet they never once looked as though they would let frustration (if any) get the better of them.

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They played their soccer as a GAME — and took their 4—0 defeat like sportsmen. What's more, the crowd gave them a warm reception and seemed to appreciate the good-natured attitude of the players.

If and when the Chinese Republic do become a world soccer power, let's hope they do not lose this spirit. As I said, a lot of successful teams would do well to take a leaf from their book.

Mike Wilkins, Lincoln.

club will be losing a good player, but the transfer fees mentioned in the newspapers of £1.5 million for him and John Gidman are riciculous. Ray Wilkins is another example, costing Manchester United more than £800,000

It is about time something was done to stop the price spiral because in the end, it is the supporters who pay for the players.

Alan Walsh,

It, Alan? The sky now seems to be the limit and we, too, can only wonder where it will all end. Perhaps the solution is in the hands of the fans themselves. When supporters stay away because ticket prices are too high, maybe some clubs will take another look at transfer fees to see whether their expensive new signings really were value for money after all

It's the same every year, isn't





Why do they have to go?

WHY do the best players from this country have to go abroad to find the playing conditions to suit their talents?

First, Kevin Keegan to Hamburg, then several other good players jetting across the Atlantic to America, and the latest is Laurie Cunningham to Real Madrid.

One clue may be found in a recent Sunday newspaper article in which Gunter Netzer, who played for Real for three years, said that Real were probably the best organised club in the world, with fantastic pride and tradition in their past victories.

Have we no club to follow Real's example? Simon Wyatt, Bourne, Lincs.

• A fair point, Simon, but I would say that Keegan's old club, Liverpool, were among the tiny handful of English clubs who could follow Real's example on pride and tradition. The financial rewards, of course, are often much greater in Europe and the States for the very best players, and then there's the chance of playing regularly against other stars of international repute. So perhaps this has something to do with the soccer export business. Maybe other readers have their own ideas.

No girls, please . . .

IF you want a word of advice from a dedicated football supporter (me!), don't fall into the trap that a lot of popular daily papers did recently when Ray Wilkins signed on at Old Trafford.

Their sports pages were splattered the next day with pictures of Wilkins carrying his wife across the pitch.

Now, if you ask me, wives, girlfriends, sisters and mothers have very little to do with the game I love and should keep well out of it. I go to matches to get away from them all!

So, if there is ever the slightest hint of skirt on any of your pages, for one shall not become one of your regular readers.

John Armes, Wellington.

• Come, come, John . . . that's not a very chivalrous attitude, what with sex equality and all that. Are you prepared to come into this office and sort out the avalanche of replies from outraged womenfolk?

Will it last?

I WAS sad to see that Malcolm MacDonald has retired, after a knee injury cut short his career when he still had much to contribute to the game. He may have been controversial

He may have been controversial at times, but soccer needs characters like him.

He is on record as saying he now wants nothing more to do with the game, not even as a coach/manager. I wonder how long that will last?

In Spiller, Durham

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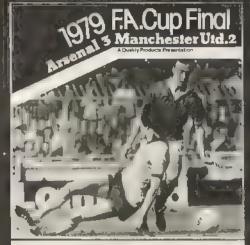
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Rough's happy

SCOTLAND World Cup goalkeeper Alan Rough (above) has opened a public house called 'Goalpost' just a free kicks distance from the Partick Thistle ground. He has even painted the outside in the Thistle colours of red and yellow!

It seems certain that Rough will see out his career with the Firhill side. The 27-year-old keeper recently signed a three-year contract with a three year option.

Alex's answer

RANGERS' star Alex MacDonald has the perfect antidote to the strains and pressures of football — he breeds budgles. Alex denies suggestions that he dyes the green feathered variety blue!



Rangers' record

RANGERS created an unprecedented record for Scottish clubs by signing up all their first team squad on new contracts just days after the close of last season. Young stars Bobby Russell (above) and Gordon Smith signed two-year contracts with two year options. The older players like Colin Jackson and Tom Forsyth signed a one-year contract with a one year option.

Tough for Tony?

POWERFUL Hits forward Tony Higgins has just been elected chairman of the Scotland PFA. He faces the most critical year in the PFA's history — negotiations are about to begin on freedom of contract. It is virtually certain that Scotland will fall into line with their English counterparts for the beginning of next season.

Unlucky break

ST. JOHNSTONE goalkeeper Andy Geoghegan, who wanted to quit football at the end of this month to begin a new career in the police force, suffered a setback to his plans when he broke his arm against Stirling Albion on the second Saturday of the season

Bad boys to pay

THE Scottish Cup will be sponsored to the tune of £140,000 this season and will contain some novel clauses

For instance, the SFA will fine clubs £100 for every caution and £300 for every sending-off. After match criticism of the referee will result in a fine of £1000

At the other end of the scale the Cup winners will pick up £30,000

Dave in demand

AMERICAN born goalkeeper Dave Brcic is in demand again. The New York Cosmos number one starred for Morton last season where his good looks and exciting personality combined to put a couple of thousand on the home gate — chiefly from female fans!

Partick Thistle are also in the hunt for Brcic

Partick Thistle are also in the hunt for Broid – pronounced Brickchick – as well as his former club. But he's had a hard season in the States and may not be keen to move so soon

Coventry bound?

KILMARNOCK striker John Bourke is attracting the attention of Coventry City. But it's going to take an exceptional offer to tempt him away from Rugby Park. Bourke prefers part-time football and divides his working time between the same and P.E. teaching. His 28 goals last season were a major factor in Kilmarnock's promotion drive.

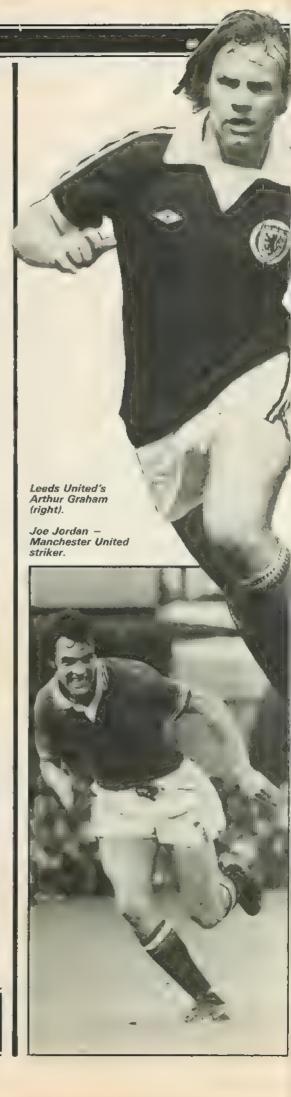
Soccer scholar

SEVENTEEN-year-old Stuart Stevenson has become the first Scottish footballer to be offered a soccer scholarship by an American University. The four-year course is at the St. Louis University, Missouri, and he will also be studying art. Stevenson has been playing for the Glasgow Possil YMCA junior side.

'Extra' value . .

THREE years ago Brian McLaughlin was the 'extra' in the cash-plus-player transfer of Joe Filippi from Ayr to Celtic. Now the Somerset Park mid-field man is rated at £100,000 while full back Filippi has made only fleeting appearances for Celtic.

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Commitment -Jock's recipe for success

COMMITMENT! That's the ingredient most vital to Scotland team manager Jock Stein as he seeks to set the international team on the road to recovery to lowing the World Cup nightmare in Argentina last summer

And where better to start than with a match against Peru the side which set the Scots on the downward path just over a year ago. The stylish Peruvians come to Hampden on Wednesday night, September 12,

The stylish Peruvians come to Hampden on Wednesday night, September 12 and the Scottish fans are looking to this one to go some way to restoring the credibility of this craziest of footballing nations.

Like most of the fans Stein cares deeply about the prestige of his country. Why else would he chuck up as lucrative a job as manager of Leeds United to take up the international reins? It is the kind of commitment he's looking for from ALL the players in his squad.

There is no question, of course, about the dedication of players like Liverpool superstar Kenny Dalglish, Manchester United pair Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen or Rangers iron man Tom Forsyth, who rarely

pair Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen or Rangers iron man Tom Forsyth, who rarely miss the opportunity to pull on a dark-blue jersey. It is this kind of attitude Stein wants from every player under his control.

Says the Scotland supremo: "Class and skill and style are important of course they are. But above all I want players I can depend on and that will be my number one priority no matter the circumstances.

"The game against Peru is significant, but not merely in view of events in Argentina.

"In population terms we are a small nation but I believe we can still take our place with the big fish as far as football is concerned

the big fish as far as football is concerned "That is why we wanted to play Argentina here at Hampden in June and again why we are bringing over Peru from South America. "Actually after the World Cup the best thing

"Actually after the World Cup the best thing that could have happened to Scotland would have been a complete break for a year, but that was not possible. But I do feel we are now getting that one out of our systems and

LEFT: The brilliant Kenny Dalglish.

RIGHT: Manchester United's rock in defence, Gordon McQueen.

are ready to get down to preparing for the qualifying matches for the 1982 finals in Spain."

In his short reign Stein has made changes by adopting a low-key approach, in contrast to the outbursts of his predecessor Ally MacLeod, and changing the personnel by bringing in new faces like Paul Hegarty of Dundee United, and lan Munro of St. Mirren, and also by altering the playing pattern.

Adds Jock: "As far as the playing pattern is concerned the problem is to adapt our own natural attacking, aggressive style and fit it into the modern concept of building slowly and

patiently in every area.
"Of course, the Sco-

"Of course, the Scottish fan simply would not stand for some of the boring possession type football so favoured by continental sides. They want to see entertaining attacking football, but somehow we have to fit the two together. I think there were signs of it in the home internationals and against the Norwegians in the European Championship."

Norwegians in the European Championship."
The big problem for Stein is the availability of players — especially those playing in England, it is not a new problem and will persist as long as we place greater emphasis on club rather than national football in sharp contrast to the South American nations whose provities are exactly the opposite.

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Says Stein: "While I want to boost Scottish
domestic football by including as many players
from there as possible we have to accept that
most of our internationals are playing with top
English clubs — and the success of clubs like
Liverpool and Nottm. Forest with Scots in key
positions makes heavy demands on the lads
"But I'm convinced that we still have the

"But I'm convinced that we still have the players of sufficient skill and calibre to restore Scotland's pride. What I want is complete commitment from every one. As the likes of West Germany, Argentina and Brazil have proved, that is most vital to success."





SCOTLAND HAVE the ideal opportunity on Wednesday to demonstrate the commitment that Jock Stein so keenly urges.

The Scottish fire will be alight from the start of a game that is all about revenge. Peru have much to answer for. They were the team that heaped so much shame on Scotland on that crazy June night in Cordoba at the start of last year's World Cup finals.

The 3-1 defeat forced manager Ally MacLeod – famous for his pre-tournament boasts – to swallow a large slice of humble pie. His team were unable to recover from the shock result and made a quick exit in disgrace.

The odds this time are heavily stacked in favour of the home side. Paru are welding together a new side with the accent heavily weighed in favour of youth.

Gone are the many stars of the past. Teofilo Cubillas – now playing in America – and Hugo Sotil have been discarded in favour of young blood.

Ramon Quiroga, the goalkeeper who delighted everybody with his bursts upfield in Argentina is not included in the present squad.

Eusebio Acasuzo is likely to play in his place, but trainer Jose Chirarella is also known to have been working with two other goalkeepers.

The best of the new players are Roberto Mosquera, 23, an outside left who plays

for Sporting Cristal and Jaime Duarte, also 23, a right back with Alianza Lima.

The team is unlikely to vary much from the following eleven: Eusebio Acasuzo; Jaime Duarte, Jorge Olaechea, Hector Chumpitaz, Toribio Diaz; Jose Velasquez, German Leguia, Cesar Cueto; Roberto Mosquera, Guillermo La Rosa, and Freddy Ravello.





FOR the first time in several years loswich Town fans can look forward to their team's progress this season without worrying about the future of manager Bobby Robson. The Bilbao business has ended once and for all speculation that Robson was going to take

The opportunity to run the Spanish club fell down at the last hurdle Bilbao refusing to meet ipswich's £200,000 compensation demand. But Robson has also been linked in the past with Barcelona, Sunderland, Everton and Leeds, to name but four!

his vast managerial talents elsewhere.

It all goes to show how much respect the England B manager has won throughout football for the job he has done at Portman Road But it is a situation that has embarrassed him.

"I never went looking for jobs," he says, "clubs used to come to me. The Sunderland job interested me but the Board said I could not go. The Bilbao situation was different - I really wanted that

job.
"For two years I could work in high-class football in new situations and the experience would have made me a better manager. Financially the offer was very lucrative and I would have been foolish to turn it down

"But all thoughts of moving are out of my head now and I'm 100 per cent committed to Ipswich Town Football Club. My mind is now clear and I'm raring to go this season."

Formed is 1887, Ipswich turned professional in 1936 and entered Division Three (south) in 1938. The 1954 - 55 season was their first in

Drysion Two and a disaster — with a quick exit back to Drysion Three It wasn't until Sir Alf Ramsey — then just plain Alf — took up the managerial reins in August, 1955 that the blue and white tide began to turn and people sat up to take notice of the Suffolk tearn.

Ramsey's deep rooted understanding of tactics primed through his full-back days with England, Spurs and Southampton and his cool common sense attitude to the players quickly won





respect at Portman Road.

He spent carefully - but wisely. Ray Crawford signed from Portsmouth for £4,000 and soon established a lethal strike partnership with Ted Phillips. Ramsey augmented them with two fine flank players whose brief was to get the ball to them as quickly as possible

The Division Two championship in 1960 61 was followed in spectacular style a year later when Ipswich became the only side to win the Division One title at their

first attempt.

Ramsey's prowess naturally raised a few eyebrows notably among the men at the F.A. who chose him to succeed Sir Walter Winterbottom as England team

manager. Ramsey's absence from the Portman Road scene proved crucial. New boss Jackie Milburn failed to arrest the slide and Town plummeted into Division Two, just two years after scaling the 'impossible' mountain. Milburn will always be remembered, however, for setting up the youth policy that is now paying astonishing dividends Of the '78 Cup winning side only three commanded a transfer fee

Bill McGarry was the next to fill the manager's chair. He wasted no time strengthening the ranks, signing Cyril Lea from Leyton Orient, goalkeeper Ken Hancock from Port Vale and Bobby Hunt from Milwall.

An influential acquisition was

Bobby Robson: directing

the Ipswich challenge with

typical enthusiasm after a

Colin Viljoen who came from South Africa, made his debut în Easter 1967 against Portsmouth and grabbed a hat-trick. The following season saw the fruition of McGarry's transfer activities with the Division Two title taken with 59 points

The offer to manage Wolves proved too much of a temptation for McGarry, however, and in November, 1968 he was packing his bags. In their first season back in the top flight his former club chugged along in midstream and finished 12th.

The next two seasons were desperate and relegation was only just staved off. Bobby Robson had meanwhile occupied the 'hot seat' and slowly but surely set about building a side to rival the best.

He bought flying right-winger Jimmy Robertson from Arsenal and the rock like Allan Hunter from Blackburn to steady his defence. His best coup was to acquire the services of Everton's young centrefoward David Johnson in a playerexchange deal with Rod Belfitt.

Season '74 - 75 was their best so far under Robson: third place in the league and a great run in the F.A. Cup that was halted by West Ham, in the semi-final,

But that disappointment was more than erased on a sunny afternoon at Wembley in May, 1978 A 77th minute goal from Roger Osborne proved enough to defeat Arsenal and turn upside down all the predictions from the so-called pundits.

Charlie's dual honour

Cheerful Charlie Cullingford shares the dual distinction of being one of Ipswich's oldest supporters - and one of the first footballers to embark on a foreign tour.

As a Town player in their Southern League days Charlie, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, remembers with pride the 1911 tour to Prague for two games. It was a thank-you from the Czechs for the offer of Portman Road as the venue for an England, Czechoslovakia international.



Charlie rates today's teams far superior to those of his era and admires the more sophisticated game. His favourite player is Mick

Blue and white shorts

A reporter once expressed amazement that the board of Ipswich Town met only once a month, "What would happen if the team were going through a crisis' he enquired of the then chairman John Cobbold, "Then we would probably only meet once a year" was the swift reply.

That sums up the philosophy of the Cobbold brothers who have steered the club through the calm waters of the last 33 years. John became the youngest chairman in the Football League at 29 Four years ago he was succeeded by younger brother Patrick

lpswich were quick to spot the potential of the executive boxes which are becoming a common feature at major grounds. They've never regretted their decision to build 24 in time for the beginning of last season and another six are scheduled for the start of next year's campaign.

The boxes are leased over three seasons at a cost of £15,000. Each holds eight people, a colour television, bar cabinet, sink, fridge, an intercom and a radio for the match commentary.

installed two years ago and is worth £30,000

Ipswich Town P.R.O. Mel Henderson has never felt so lonely as in those hectic days leading up to the '78 Cup Final!

An amazing statement - but it's true. For Mel contracted measles the day after the historic Semi-Final victory against West Bromwich Albion and had to work at home.

People came to see me but that only caused chaos as nobody knew who had been inoculated" said this likeable Scotsman who is the only official solely employed as a P.R.O. at a league club. The norm is for the commercial manager to combine duties.

Ipswich Supporters' Club are able to use the Portman Road boardroom for their own meetings that's how close-knit this homely East Anglian outfit operates.

"It's a great privilege for us to be able to take advantage of the facilities in this way" said long-serving Supporters' Club chairman George Knights.

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Sacked by Sunderland - Elliott aims to win Darlington promotion.

IF Sunderland had got just one more point last season Billy Elliott could now be plotting the downfall of the likes of Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal.

Instead he is learning all about life at the other end of the scale - the Fourth Division to

For Elhott's brief is now to wave the magic wand over the Feethams Ground, Darlington. It's a tall order. Last season the club had to apply for re-electron.

The file containing the club's history does not make pretty reading either. Only once out of Division Four in 20 years. Eighteen managers at the helm since the War. All of them failing to find success

What makes Billy Elliott different? "You've got to have confidence in yourself and I believe I am as good as anyone else in football," he

There's no reason why we can't do well and get promotion. If we can keep free of injuries we must stand a good chance.

Elliott (53) is the man that all football felt sorry for last year. When Sunderland's Jimmy Adamson left to take control at Leeds last December, Elliott took over as caretaker manager. But his sterling efforts to put the club back where they belong were always overshadowed by speculation as to who was to replace him.

Brian Clough, Bobby Robson, Colin Addison and John Barnwell were among the names bandied about. "I tried not to let it get on top of me. It was up to me to battle it out and I don't consider I did a bad job. We finished in fourth position, just one point adrift. We also never lost away from home in my five months in charge."

But despite his success it was always on the cards that Elliott and Roker Park would part at the end of the season.

There was no bitterness on my part. Sunderland are one of the top four clubs in the country. The whole set-up is geared to Division

Within two days of him being succeeded by Ken Knighton in June, Darlington had made their move. Bliott quickly agreed to take over



Happy times for Billy Elliott - named Bells Manager of the Month during his spell at Sunderland.

the hot seat from previous boss Len Walker.

"I did not need to think twice about it. I love football and wanted to stay in the game. The chairman sold the club to me and the job also enabled me to continue living in Sunderland.

Since taking charge at Feethams, Elliott has unloaded seven players and signed five including the experienced ex-West Ham player Kerth Coleman. Early season plans have been hampered, however, by injuries to his three centre-halfs

Elliott was a tremendous player in his own day and won five England caps as an outsideleft in the early 1950s.

After putting his boots away he turned to coaching and had spells in Libya and Germany before moving into management in Belgium.

English football beckoned in 1967 when Sunderland approached him to be coach. He staved until 1973 when he returned to management with Brann in the Norwegian First

From Blackpool into Europe

VIC Davidson can hardly believe the wheel of fortune which has taken him from a depressing run at Blackpool to a European challenge with Celtic - and the possibility of meeting up again with his old friend Kenny Dalglish.

Six months ago Davidson was undecided where his future lay. Played out of position in a struggling Blackpool side it seemed as if he was always going to miss out on the big-time.

Then Celtic made advances. They knew what he was capable of. After all, he had spent seven years at Parkhead as a youngster and later moved on to score goals for Motherwell.

A £30,000 fee took him back to Celtic. He went straight into their Championshipwinning team and on to this year's European Cup.

It's the sort of Roy of the Rovers stuff that everybody loves to read. "I can hardly

believe it" says Davidson. "They say football's a funny game and it has certainly worked out like that for me. You can never tell what's around the corner.

"Blackpool signed me from Motherwell and I was the leading scorer there last season until I damaged my cartilage.

"I missed six weeks and in my absence the club signed Tony Kellow from Exeter. The manager said he had to play him. So when I was fit again I went in mid-field.

"I did not think I was helping the team as much as I could from that position. So I was delighted when Celtic came in for me just before last season's deadline.

Now there seems no limit to what Davidson can achieve. He is eagerly looking forward to playing in Europe again. Especially if he meets up with Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool. The two used to be the best of friends when they played together in Celtic's reserve team.





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MAKING a comparison between established star players is never easy and it proved particularly difficult in the case of Philip Neal and John Gidman.

I know both players well personally, in fact I doubt whether many people know this but I nearly signed Philip for just £6,000 when I was manager at Kettering and he was unhappy with Northampton Town.

It was all agreed. He was going to teacher training at Loughborough College and was all set to play for us next day. But certain things happened at the Northampton end and wa finally celled the deal off much to my regret. Eighteen months later he signed for Liverpool.

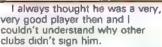
I've always said to him that he missed his opportunity! But at the time he was really sick that he

didn't come.

BIG NAMES discussing the BIG names — that's the MATCH WEEKLY formula and that's why we asked Ron Atkinson, the flamboyant manager of West Bromwich Albion to join our team as an expert analyst.

Every week we will nominate two star players who play in the same position for different clubs and Ron has readily agreed to provide his own personalised shakedown of their abilities.

To kick-off we have chosen Phil Neal of Liverpool and John Gidman of Aston Villa to come under the microscope. For each facet of their play Ron has awarded marks out of 10 and of the 12 categories each can score a maximum 120. Whether you agree or disagree with Ron's rating it makes fascinating reading.



Now, where was I... Neal and Gidman. Both are predominantly right-sided players and both have good right feet. They can perform well with their left, too.

In the tackle Neal is not as quick

In the tackle Neal is not as quick as Giddle but when he gets there he's got a better knowledge of the technique. Overall there's nothing to choose between them in that facet of their game.

On the ball Giddie has got marginally the better speed and that's why I'd mark them 9 – 7 in this department, but Neal makes up for this in shooting.

up for this in shooting.

Having played in mid-field and as a centre-forward — you know I

Phil Neal, Liverpool and



John Gidman, Aston Villa and England

marked him once when I played as centre-half with Kettering in a county cup-tie — he gets my vote for shooting.

Neal also edges it 9-7 for heading. He's good, he gets nine from me because he's also played as a centre-half, too

Giddie's got good touch so I'd have to shade him on ball control, but Philip's not without. He's easy with the ball, he's comfortable 9 -8 to Gidman and the same for

passing

Both have got good stamina, but I'll tell you what, in a different side I'd give Giddie 11 out of 10 for vision. With Aston Villa though, he seems to just have to throw it over now and again for big Andy Gray to knock it down.

Two of the vital spots where Neal scores so well over Gidman when comparing the two are temperament and team work. Neal has got a marvellous temperament. I have no hesitation giving him a maximum 10, it's part of Giddie's game that sometimes lets him down a bit and for that reason ha gets only 8 from me.

And as a Liverpool player Neal again must get 10. It's all about the teams they play in, but I feel he always puts it in

To sum up, Phil Neal gets a lot of harsh criticism, which is unwarranted. He's a very, very good player, with good techniques of the game

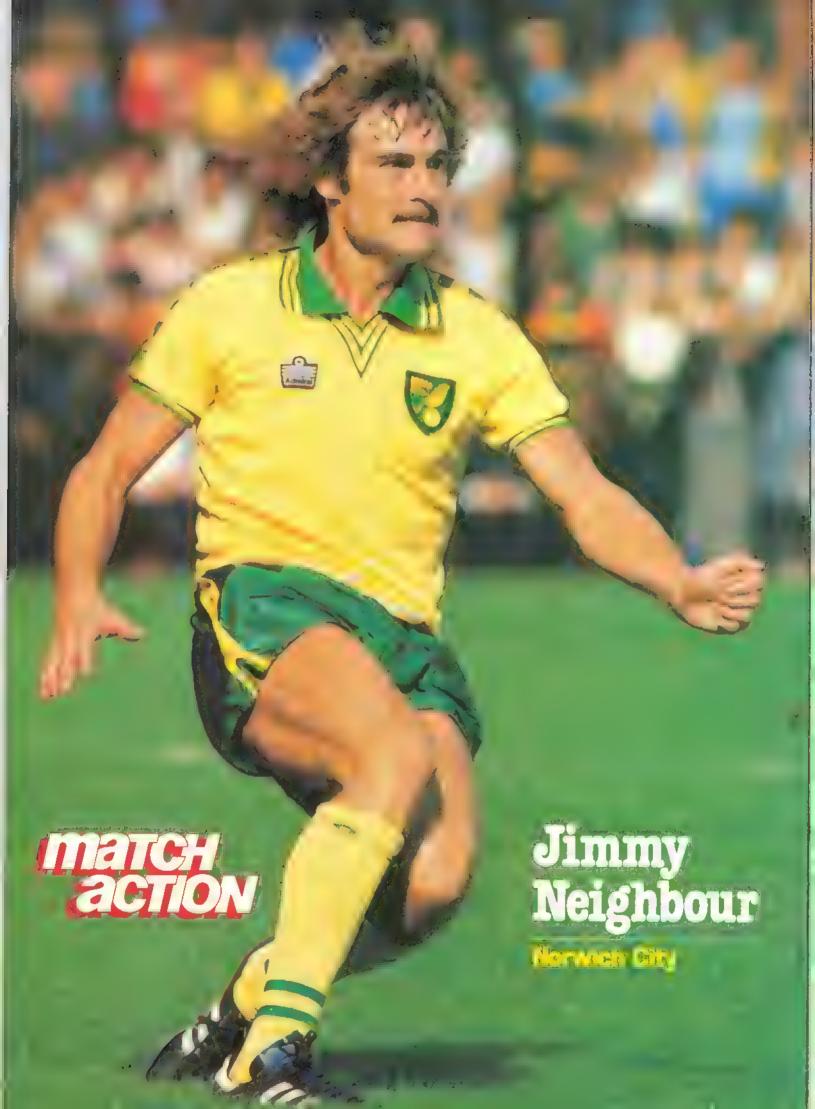
But I feel John Gidman is potentially the best right-back in the country, really outstanding Probably if he had maintained his run in the England team when he got in, he would now be an established international

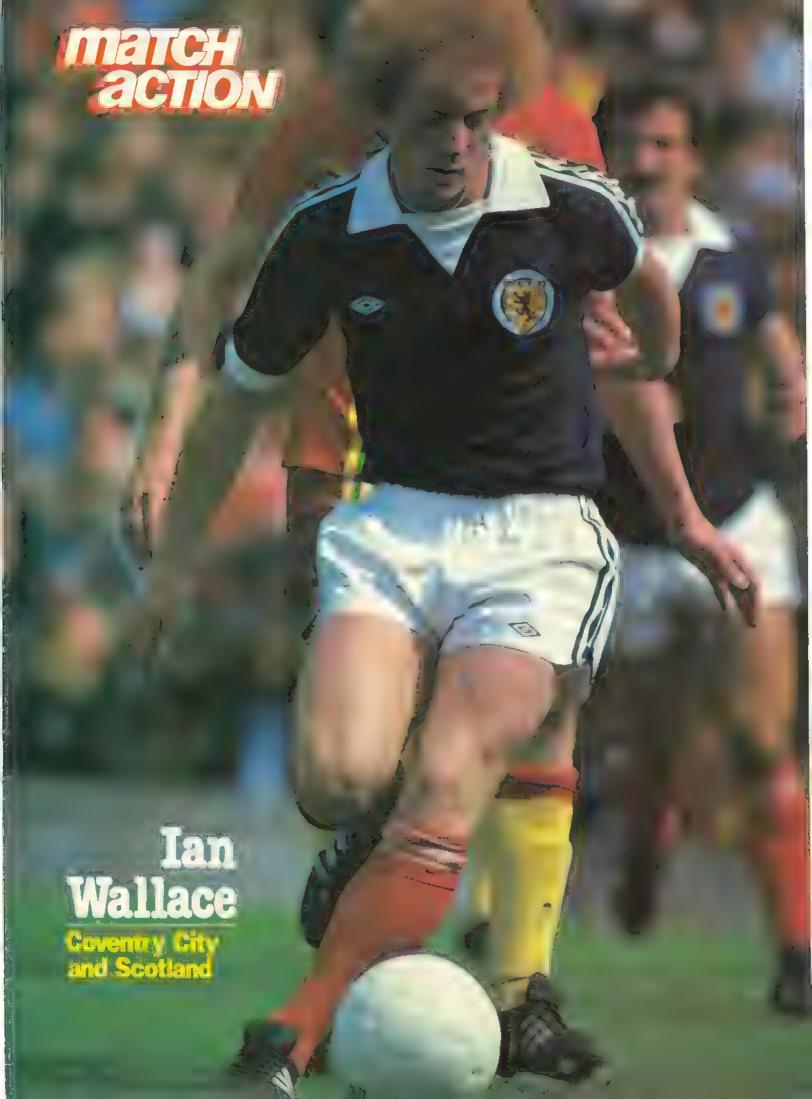
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10	Temperament	8
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7	Speed	9
10	Taamwork	9
101	TOTAL	100
120	Maximum	120







FORMER Coventry defender John Craven put a miserable injuryridden season behind him with two goals in a minute to take Vancouver Whitecaps through to the semi-finals of the NASL play offs.

Whitecaps beat Dallas Tornado 2 1, after a 3 2 victory in the opening game. The first of Craven's goals came after a cross from Kevin Hector which Dallas 'keeper Alex Stepney tried

unsuccessively to punch out
The second was a 15-yard drive after an Alan Ball pass. The first game was a much tighter affair with Ray Lewington, late of Chelsea, scoring the winner with 24 minutes left. Vancouver goalkeeper Phil Parkes, the former Wolves number one, preserved the win with a desperate late save.



all the way in the play-offs by Fort Lauderdale Strikers coach Ron Newman after seeing his side crash out in the opening round.

Sting won the second game 1-0 after taking the first 2-0. It was a foul by Chelsea mid-field star Gary Stanley that plotted Strikers' downfall. The free kick was headed back by Dutch World Cup star Van Hanegem and hammered home by Thomas Sjoberg

Chicago never gave Strikers' super strikers Gerd Muller and Teofilo Cubillas - together they have scored 35 goals this season - any room to manoeuvre.



of the major shocks of the season when they dumped Houston Hurricane out of the play-offs. Hurricane had set a record this

year winning all 15 home games. Fury on the other hand had lost all 15 away games. So it was a great surprise when Fury won 2-1 to follow on from their 2-1 home

Pat Fidelia scored Fury's first goal after passes from John



SAN Diego Sockers created a

minutes to demolah California

NASL record with four goals in five

Surf. Surf at one stage led 2-0 but eventually lost 4-2. There was

more high-scoring in the second

former Fulham flyer Les Barrett

FORMER Coventry striker Alan

third minute to give Washington

Diplomats the lead in their first

Green scored a fine solo goal in the

starting the rout.

game, Sockers winning 7 - 2 with

Dempsey and Davie Ropp. The second was scored by Robb himself after a cross from Bolton's

for the latest results.

Frank Worthington.
It was the ethal Worthington-Robb combination that led to the home win. Worthington's shot rebounded off a defender to Robb who eagerly slammed home the winner four minutes from time.

ALAN Woodward, who had already scored in normal time chipped in a shot with four minutes left of extra-time to give Tulsa Roughnecks a 2-1 win over Minnesota Kicks.

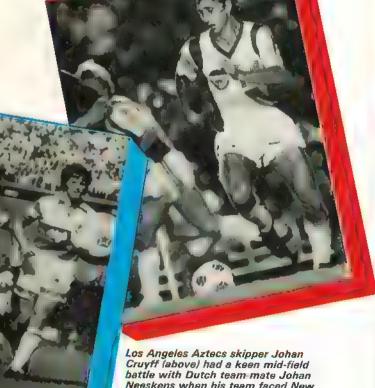
Woodward snatched the winner from an opening created by Roger Davies and Terry Darracott. Woodward's first goal equalised Ron Futcher's 36th minute opener for Minnesota

Cosmos star Neeskens

game with Los Angeles Aztecs. But the lead was short-lived. Aztecs went on to win 3-1.



MILLION pound England star Trevor Francis was out in the cold as his side Detroit Express crashed 1-0 to Tampa Bay Rowdies - the first time in 17 games that Detroit have failed to score.



Neeskens when his team faced New York Cosmos.

A howl of anguish from Chicago Sting's Karl Heinz Granitza as he battles for possession with Atlanta's Carl Strong during the NASL league game which Chicago won 2-0.

Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

Players Ratings

 Out of this world Outstanding 10 Excellent 8

Good Adequate

Off form Poor

Match ratings

**** A classic *** Good value *** Satisfactory ** Dull * Waste of money

Monday, Aug. 20

Division Two WEST HAM UNITED (0) 0 CHELSEA (1) 1 (Johnson 7) Att 31,627 West Harn Parkes 6, Lampard 5 Brush 6 Bonds 6, Martin 6. Holland 5. Pike 7, *PEARSON 8 (sub Banton 5), Cross 6, Brooking 7 Devonshire 6

Devonshire 6
Chelsea *80ROTA 9, Locke 7
Stride 8 Nutton 8, Droy 7, Harris 7
Britton 6, Bannon 6 Langley 7
Johnson 7, Fillery 6
Referee A Robinson
(Portsmouth)

Match Rating ***

Division Four PORT VALE (0) 0 HEREFORD (1) 1 (Feeley 42)

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Feeley 42)
Att 2 744
Port Vale Connaughton 6, Keenan 6
*BENTLEY 7, Beech 4, Delgado 6,
Hawkins 5, Chamberlain 4 Stenson
6, Wright 6 Owen 5, Todd 6
Hereford Hughes 7, Price 6, Thomas
5, Hant 5, Cornes 4, Emery 6
*FEELEY 8, Cunningham 6
McGrellis 5, Jones 6, White 6 (sub

Referee J M Warner (Westbury) Match Rating ***

STOCKPORT COUNTY (1) 1 (Henson 15) ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Esser 58) Att 3 554
Stockport County *LAWSON 8,
Sherlock 6, Rutter 6, Edwards 7 (sub
Maloney), Czuszman 6, Chapman 7 Summerbee 6, Thorpe 6, Henson 6 Galvin 6 Lee 5

Gaivin b Lee b
Rochdale Watson 7, Hallows 6.
Snockes 7 *WEIR 8, Bannon 7
Taylor 7, Esser 6 Scarfe 6, Hildrich 7
O Laughlin 6, Jones 7
Referee B Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating ***

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 0 IPSWICH (1) 2 (Hunter 21 Muhren Att 33,245
Arsenal Jennings 6, Rice 6, Nelson 6 *TALBOT 7, O'Leary 6 Young 5
Brady 5, Sunderland 5, Stapleton 5, Price 6 Rix 6 (sub Hothins 6)
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Mills 7, Butcher 7, Thijssen 7, Hunter 7 Osman 7, Wark 7 * MUHREN 8, Mariner 7, Gates 7
Moods 6, 100 Price 1 (State 1) Woods to Referee: C. Thomas (Mid-Glamorgan) Match Rating ★★★

COVENTRY CITY (1) 3 (English 24. Powell pen 63 Hutchinson 84) BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Richie, pen 38) Att 19,293 Att 19,293
Coventry City, Blyth 7, Jones 6
McDonald 7, Blair 6, Holton 7
* GILLESPIE 8, Hutchinson 7
English 7, Ferguson 7, Powell 7 Hunt
6 (sub Hateley 6)
Bristol City Shaw 6, Swenney 7,
Whitehead 6. * GOW 8, Rodgers 6,
Merrick 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Ritchie 7
Mabbutt 6, Jantunen 6, Meyer 6 (sub-

Tainton 6)
Referee. N. Ashley (Nantwich) Match Rating ***

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 Att 31,756

Att 31,756
Crystal Palace. Burridge 7
Hinshelwood 6, Sansom 7, Nicholas
7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 6
*FRANCIS 8, Swindlehurst 6
Flanagan 7, Hilaire 7
Southampton *GENNOE 8, Baker
6, Peach 7, Williams 6 Nicholi 7
Waldron 7, Hayes 5, Boyer 5. Hebberd
6, George 7, Holmes 6
Referee D Hutchinson (Cambs) Match Rating ***

LIVERPOOL (0) O BOLTON
WANDERERS (0) O Att 45,900
Liverpool Clemence 6, Nea 7 (subHeighway 8), Kennedy, A 7
Thompson 6 Kennedy, R 8, Hansen
7 Dalglish 8, Case 4, Johnson 5.
McDermott 6 ★ SOUNESS 9 Bolton McDonagh 7, Clement 6, Nicholson 6, Greaves 7, Jones 4 Walsh 6 Burke 4. Whatmore 6 Gowling 5, *McNAB 8, Cantello 6 Referee K W Baker (Rugby) Match Rating ★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Johnston 14 Burns 57, Cummins 89) MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 Att. 24,002 Middlesbrough, Platt 7, Craggs 8
Balley 7, Johnston 8, Ashcroft 7,
McAndrew 7, *HODGSON 9,
Proctor 8, Jankovic 7, Burns 8

Armstrong 7
Man City *CORRIGAN 9, Ranson Man City *COHRIGAN 9, Ram
6, Stepanovic 7, Caton 8, Booth 7,
Power 6, MacKenzie 6 Silkman 4
Robinson 5 Deyna 5, Henry 5
Referee P Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating ***

Division Two

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 3 (Dennehy 57, White 64 69) LUTON TOWN (0) 2 (Moss 85 88 pen) Att 5,614 Bristol Rovers Thomas 7 Pulis 6 Bater 6, Aitken 6, Harding 6, Emmanuel 6, Barrowclough 6, * WILLIAMS 8, White 6, Dennehy 6, Luton Town Findlay 7, Stephens 6 Turner 6, Grealish 6, Saxby 6 Price 6, Hill 6, Donaghy 5, Stein 5 (sub Blockwe 6). Hatton 6. * MOSS 8 Referee L. C. Shapter (Newton Abbott1 Match Rating ***

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Kindon 47)
CHARLTON (0) 1 (Robinson 86)
Att 6,807
Burnley: Stevenson 6 Scott 6.
Brennan 6, Noble 8, Thomson 7,
Rodaway 6, Ingham 7, *DOBSON 9,
Fletcher 6 Kindon 7, James 6
Charlton. *JOHNS 87, Shaw 6
Warman 6, Tydeman 7, Berry 7,
Shipperley 5, Powell 6 Madden 6
Robinson 6, Booth 5, Campbell 6 (sub
Churchouse 6) Churchouse 6) Referee A Bridges (Teeside) Match Rating ★★★

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (0) 1 (Finney 55) LEICESTER CITY (0) 1 (Young 46) Att 6 042
Cambridge Webster 7, Smith 7,
Graham 6, Stringer 7, Fallon 7,
Cozens 7 Christie 7, *SPRIGGS 8,
Bucktey 6, Finney 6, Biley 6
Leicester City *WALLINGTON 8,
Williams 6, Rofe 6, Stevens 6 May 7,
Wilson 7, Byrne 6, Peake 6, Young 7
Henderson 7, Lee 7 (sub Goodwin 6)
Referee D V Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating, *** Att 6 042

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (1) 2 (Heaton 28, Stainrod 54)
WREXHAM (1) 3 (Vinter 9, McNeil 10, 44) Att 6 822 Att 6 822
Oldham Platt 6, Keegan 6, Edwards 6 (sub Blair 6), Hilton 7, Hicks 6, Hurst 7, Atkinson 7, Halom 6, Steel 6 *STAINROD 8, Heaton 7
Wrexham Niedzwiecki 7 Sutton 7
Hill 6, Davies 6, Jones 7, Giles 7, *VINTER 9, Fox 6, McNeil 8 Whittle 7, Cartwright 6 (sub Buxton 6)
Referee P Willis (Co Durham)
Match Rating: *** PRESTON (0) 1 (Potts pen 88)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att 12,707

Preston Tunks 8, Taylor 8, Wilson 7,

*DOYLE 9, Baxter 7, Blackley 7, Bell 6, Ha segrave 6, Elliott 6, Potts 8

Thomson 6 (sub. Coleman 6)

Newcastle. *HARDWICK 8,

Brownlee 5, Davies 6, Martin 6

Barton 7, Bird 7, Shoulder 7, Cassidy 7

Withe 7 Hibbitt 7, Pearson 7

Referee G Nolan (Stockport)

Match Rating ** Match Rating ★★

SHREWSBURY TOWN (0) 1 (Griffin NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Christie 52) NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Christie 52)
Att 7,369
Shrewsbury Mulhearn 7, King 7
Leonard 7, Turner 7 Griffin 8, Keay
8 Birch 9, Atkins 8, Tong 7, Biggins 7
(sub Cross 7), *MANN 9
Notts County Avramovic 7, Richards
7, O'Br en 8, Hunt 7, Stubbs 8.
Blockiey 7, *McCULLOCH 9,
Masson 7, Christie 7 Hooks 7 Mair Referee A Seville (Birmingham) Match Rating ★★★★

WATFORD (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 0 Watford Sherwood 6, How 7, Harrison 6, Joslyn 5, Sims 6, *BOLTON 8, Pollard 7, Blissett 6 *BOLTON 8, Pollard 7, Blissett 6
Jenkins 6. Train 6 Mercer 6
Swansea. Crudgington 7, Attley 6,
*BARTLEY 8, Charles 6, Phillips 6,
Rushbury 6, Craig 7, Mahoney 6
James 6, Waddle 6, Callaghan 7
Referee B Hill (Weilingborough)
Match Rating **

Division Three

BURY (1) 3 (Gregory 43, 80 Mullen BLACKPOOL (0) 0 Att 4,028
Bury: Forest 7, Constantine 8,
Kennedy 6, Ritson 7, Howard 7
*WALDRON 9, Mullen 8 *WALDRON 9, Muilen 8
McIlwraith 7 (sub Cruikshank 8).
Beamish 8, Gregory 7 Taylor 6
Blackpool: McAlister 6, Thompson 7
Pashley 7, Doyle 5, Suddaby 6,
McEwan 6, Kerr 5, Kellow 6,
*SPENCE 8, Smith 6, Weston 6
Referee D T Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating ***

CARLISLE UNITED (1) 1 (Bannan BLACKBURN ROVERS (1) 1 (McKenzie 7) Att 5,801 Carlisle, Swinburne 6 Hool ckin 6 Carliste. Swinburne 6 Hool ckin 6
McCartney 7, MacDonald 6, Tait 7,
Parker 7, Ludlam 6, Bonnyman 5,
(sub McVitte 7), Beardsley 6

McAULEY 8, Bannan 7
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Round 6, Morley
6 Kendall 7, Keeley 7 Fazackerly 6,

*BROTHERSON 8, Fowler 6, Craig
7, McKengy 7, Parker 6 7 McKenzie 7 Parkes 6 Referee. T Forley (Newton Aycliffe Co Durham) Match Rating **

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Moss 52, Walker 86) BARNSLEY (0) 0 Att 7,706 Chesterfield Letheren 6, Tartt 6 Chesterfield Letheren b, Tartt b
O Neilł 7, Kowalski 7, Green 6
Hunter 6, * BIRCH 8, Moss 7,
Walker 7, Salmons 7, Ridley 7
Barnsley: * PIERCE 8, Flavell 8,
Collins 6, Glavin 5 (sub Miller 6),
Dugdale 6, McCarthy 5, Little 5, Riley
7, Reed 6, Pugh 5, Bell 7
Referee G J Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating ***

COLCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Lee 83) SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0 Colchester Walker 6, Cook 6 Wright 7, Leslie 6, Wignall 7, Dowman 7, *HODGE 8, Gough 5, Foley 6, Lee 6, Allinson 7

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MILLWALL (1) 2 (O Callaghan 25, Lyons 69)
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (0) 1 (Hodges 65) Att 5,153

Att 9,165
Millwall Jackson 7, Donaldson 6
Roberts 6, Chatterton 6, *TAGG 8,
B-yth 6, Towner 7, Seasman 6, Lyons
7, Mehmet 7, O'Callaghan 7 (sub Kinsella 6) Plymouth, Hards 6, Hodges 7

Harrison 6, Philipson Masters 6
Foster 6, Bason 7, Megson 7, Graves
6 ★BINNEY 8, Randall 7, Johnson

Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley) Match Rating. **

ROTHERHAM UNITED (1) 2 (Fern MANSFIELD TOWN (0) 1 (Austin

90) Art 4,490

Att 4.490
Rotherham Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Tiler 6, Rhodes 6, Green 7, Breckin 5
Goodin 7, *FERN 9, Gwyther 6, McEwan 8, Finney 7
Mansfield: New 5, Dawkins 5, Foster 6, Curtis 6, *WOOD 8, Bird 7, Goodwin 5 (sub Thompson 5), Taylor 6, Austin 7, Hamilton 6, Allen 6
Referee J Worral (Warrington)
Match Rating ***

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) O HULL CITY (0) O Att 14,376

Att 14,376
Sheffield Wednesday Bolder 7,
Blackhall 7, Grand 6. Smith 7,
Pickering 6, Hornsby 6, Curran 7,
*KING 8, Fleming 7, McCulloch 7,
Mertor 5 (sub. Porterfield 7)
Hull *BLACKBURN 8, Nisbit 6,
McDonald 7, de Vries 7, Dobson 7,
Haigh 5, Roberts 5, Horswill 6, Farley
6 Bannister 5, Phillips 5,
Referee M Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating *** Match Rating ★★★

SWINDON TOWN (0) 0 READING (0) 0 Att 9.554 Att 9,554
Swindon Town. Allan 7, Templeman
6, Ford 6, McHale 5, Lewis 6, Stroud
6 Miller 5, *CARTER 8, Rowland 6,
Mayes 5, Williams 5
Reading Death 7, Morline 6, White
7, *BOWMAN 8, Hatzke 7, Kerney
6, Earles 6, Wanklyn 6, Alexander 6.
Sanchez 7, Cheetham 5
Referee R, Toseland (Market
Harborough) Harborough)

Division Four

Match Rating ★★★

ALDERSHOT (0) 0 NEWPORT COUNTY (0) 1 (Moore 78) Att 3.537 Alt 3,537
Aldershot, Johnson 6, Edwards 4
(sub Dixon 5), Wooler 5,
*LONGHORN 7, Jopling 6, Bennett
6, Crosby 6, Brodie 6, French 6,
Dungworth 5, Tomlin 4.
Newport: *PLUMLEY 8, Walden 7, Relish 6 Davies 6, Oakes 5, Bruton 5. Vaghan 7, Lowndes 6, Goddard 6, Tynan 6, Moore 7 Referee T Glasson (Salisbury) Match Rating ★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan WALSALL (1) 1 (Paul 9) Att 4,833 Att 4,833

Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 7 Miller 7, Bryant 6, Townsend 6, Chambers 7, *HOLDER 8, Heffernan 7, Massey 6, Ferns 7, Evanson 6

Welsall Turner 7, Macker 7 Mower 7, Sbragia 7, Serella 7, *PAUL 8, Penn 6, Waddington 6, Cisswell 6, McDensell 6, McDense McDonough 6 (sub. Williams 6), Buckley 7 Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington) Match Rating. ***

HALIFAX TOWN (1) 1 (Harns 33) DONCASTER ROVERS (1) 1 (Warboys 27) Att 2,501 Att 2,501
Halifax Town: Leonard 7, Dunlevy 6,
Hutt 6, Evans 7, Harris 7, Hendrie 7,
Firth 6, Kennedy 6, Mountford 6,
Johnson 6, * GEIDMINTIS 8.
Doncaster Rovers: Peacock 7,
**RUSSELL 8, Riptey 7, Cork 6
(Lewis 6), Radley 7, Dowid 6, Pugh 6,
Nimmo 6, Warboys 7, Dowie 7,
Bentley 7
Referee D Shaw (Cheshire) Referee D Shaw (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ***

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Showers 17, Garwood 27, 75, pen) TORQUAY (0) 0 Att 11,470 Art 11,470
Portsmouth: Mellor 7, McLaughlin 7,
Hazelwood 7, Davey 7, Stiles 7
Brisley 7, Laidlaw 7, Bryant 7,
*GARWOOD 8, Showers 7, Rogers Turner 6, Petherd 5,

*BOURNE 7, Lamour 6, Ritchie 6, Twitchin 5, Sermanni 5, Levy 6, Cooper 5, Lawrence 5, Murphy 6 (sub. Davies 5).
Referee: C. Downley (Isleworth)
Match Rating: ****

SCUNTHORPE UNITED (1) 1 (Kavariagh 24) HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Brooks 7. Lawrence 54, Linacre 89) Att 1 710 Scunthorpe, Crawford 5, Davy 6, Scunthorps. Crawford 5, Davy 6, Peacock 6, Kavanagh 6, Deere 5, Oates 6, **O*BERG 7, Kilmore 6, Earl 6 Partridge 6, Keeley 5 Hartlepool: Watson 6, Norton 6, Gorry 6, Goldthorpe 7, Brooks 6, Ayre 6, Linacre 7, Smith 7, Houchen 6, Harding 6, **LAWRENCE 8
Referee. P G Reeves (Leicester) Match Rating ***

YORK CITY (1) 3 (McDonald 11, 79, DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Seel 80) Att 2,537
York: Brown 7, Kay 7, Walsh 7, Pugh 7 Faulkner 6, Clements 7, Ford 7, Randall 7, Stronach 6, * McDONALD 8, Stanforth 7
Darlington: Owers 6, Coleman 6, Cochrane 6, Nattress 6, Bambridge 7 Taylor 6, Crosson 6, Charlton 8, McLean 6, Ellis 6 (sub Seal), * WALSH, A 8 Match Rating ★★★

LEAGUE CUP

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Allder 81) SOUTHEND (3) 4 (Tuohy 25, 30, Morris 44, Parker 60) Att 7,820 Brentford, Bond 6, Shrubb 6, Allder 6, McNichol 5 Cruze 5, Fraser 6 Carlton 6, Glover 6, Holmes 6, Smith 6, *PHILLIPS 7. 6, *PHILIPS 7.
Southend: Cawston 6, Dudley 6.
Moody 6, Cusack 6, Yates 6, Stead 6
Otulakowskir 7, *MORRIS 8. Tuchy
7, Parker 7, Hadley 7
Referee: C. A. E. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating ***

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Division One ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Evans, pen 15, BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (1) 1 (Maybenk 45) Att 28.803 Aston Villa *RIMMER 9, Swain 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, McNaught 6, Cropley 7 (sub Jenkins 6), Morley 8, Little 8, Deehan 8, Cowans 6, Shelton

Brighton: Steele 7, Gregory 7, Williams 6, Horton 7, Rollings 7, Lawrenson 7, Ryan 6 (sub Poskett 6) Ward 8, * MAYBANK 9, Sayer 7, O'Sullivan 8 Referee. G E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) Match Rating ★★★★

DERBY (0) 0
WOLVES (1) 1 (Clarke 9)
Att 21,727
Derby Middleton 6, Langan 6,
*BUCKLEY 8, Daly 6, McFarland 7
Wicks 6, McCaffrey 5, Moreland 5,
Caskey 5 (sub Crawford), Greenwood Wolves, Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, Parkin Wolves. Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, 7, Daniel 7, Hughes 6, Berry 6

**HIBBITT 8, Carr 6, Rafferty 7

Clarke 6 (sub Eves). Patchii Referee: Mr J D Hough (Macclesfield) Patching 6 Match Rating ***

LEEDS (0) 2 (Hird 56, Harris 60)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att 27,783
Leeds Harvey 7, Hird 7, Hampton 6
Flynn 7, Hart 6, Stevenson 7,
*HARRIS 8, Cherry 7, Hankin 7,
Curtis 6, Graham 6 (sub Hawley)
Everton: Wood 6, Barton 5, Bailey 5
*LYONS 7, Higgins 6, Ross 6, Nulty
6, Todd 5, King 6, Kidd 5, Wright 5
(sub Heard) (sub Heard)
Referee: G M Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating ***

MAN UTD (1) 2 (McQueen 4, Coppell WBA (0) 0 Att 53,393 Att 5,393
Man Utd Bailey 7, Nicholl 7, Albiston 7, McIlroy 8, McQueen 8, Buchan 7, Coppell 7, Wilkins 7, Jordan 7, *MACARI 9, Thomas 7 (sub Ritchie) WBA Godden 5, Batson 6, ★STATHAM 8, Brown, T 6, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Robson 6, Brown, A 6, Mills 7, Owen 5, Barnes 6
Referee: A. Challinor (Maitby)
Match Rating ***

NORWICH (0) 4 (Reeves 48, 59 Peters 50 Fashanu 89) SPURS (0) 0

Att 17 670 Morwich: Keelan 7, Bond 6
McDowell 7, Maguire 6, Hoadley 7,
Nightingale 6, Neighbour 6
* REEVES 9, Fashanu 8, Paddon 7, Peters 7 Spurs. Daines 6, Lee 5, Smith 6, Yorath 6, Lacy 6, Perryman 7, Falco 7, Ardites 7 Jones 7, ★HODDLE 8, Villa 6 Referee B Martin (Nottinghamshire)

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NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (O Neill 87) NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (O Neill 81)
STOKE (0) 0
Att 26,147
Forest, Shilton 7, *ANDERSON 8,
Gray 6, McGovern 6, Lloyd 6,
Needham 6, O'Neill 7, Hartford 6
(sub Bowyer 6), Birtles 5, Woodcock
7, Robertson 7
Stoke Fox 7, Evans 6, Scott 6
Irvine 5, Smith 7, Doyle 7, Busby 7,
*HEATH 8, O'Callaghan 5, Crooks 7,
Richardson 6
Referse M G Peck (Doncaster)
Match Reting: **

Match Rating: ***

Division Two

CARDIFF CITY (0) 1 (Stevens 47) CARDIFF CITY (0) 1 (Stevens 47)

QPR (0) 0
Att 11,566

Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Sullivan
6, Campbell 7, Roberts 7, Dwyer 6,

BISHOP 8 (sub Micallef), Stevens *BISHOP 8 (sub Micallet), Stevens
7, Moore 6, Ronson 5, Buchanan 5
QPR: Woods 6, Elsey 5, Gillard 5,
Busby 7, Howe 6, Roeder 6,
*GODDARD 8, McCreery 6, Allen
5, Shanks 6, Neal 6
Referee. W A. Bombroff (Bristol)
Match Reting: **

FULHAM (0) 0 ORIENT (0) 0 Ait 9,174 Fulham. Peyton 7, Peters 7, Strong 7, Bullivant 7, Money 7, Gale 7 *MARINELLO 8, Beck 6, Gutinne o Lock 7, Davies 6 Orient: Day 6, Fisher 7, Rofey 7, Margerrison 7, Gray7 (sub Chiedozie 7), Taylor 6, Whittle 5, Jennings 6, Mayo 6, Houghton 7, *COATES 8 Referee: J E Martin (Alton) Match Rating ***

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Robson 30, Brown 66) BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Att 25,8/7
Sunderland: *SIDDALL 9,
Whitworth 7, Bolton 7, Chisholm 6.
Elliott 7, Clarke 8, Arnott 8, Rostron 6, Rowell 6, Robson 8, Brown 7
Birmingham City: Wealands 7, Page 6, Dennis 7, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 7, Towers 7, *AINSCOW 9, Evans 8 Bertschin 8, Gemmill 7, Dillon 6
Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating ***

Division Three

CHESTER (1) 3 (Edwards 14, 88 Raynor, pen 65) GRIMSBY (1) 1 (K. Moore 38) Att 3,779 Chester. Lloyd 6, Raynor 8, Walter 8, Stortor 7, Cottam 6, Oakes 7, Jeffries 6, Ruggiero 6, *EDWARDS 9, Phillips 5, Henderson 6 (sub. Jones Grimsby. Batch 6, Moore, D 4,
Moore, K 7, Waters 6, Wiggington 5,
Stone 5, *BROLLY 8, Ford 5, Liddell
6, Mitchell 7, Cumming 6
Referes: M Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ***







England expects.

AS THE 1979 80 season gets under way, England find themselves at the half way stage in their bid to win a place in the finals of the European Championships in

The run-in for England now looks easy with three of their remaining four games to be played at Wembley. On Wednesday, they take on Denmark, who beat Northern Ireland 4-0 for their only victory in the Group so far.

A month later, on October 17, England travel to Belfast to face Northern Ireland before finishing their campaign with home games against Bulgaria on November 21 and the Republic of Ireland on February 6.

However, the England team that started on September 20, 1978, in

ABOVE: Kenny Sansom

CENTRE: Bob Latchford

RIGHT: Emlyn Hughes

European Championship Preview

Denmark could show several changes for the return match against the Danes only a year later. In that first match England lined up Clemence; Neal, Watson, Hughes, Mills; Coppell, Witkins, Keegan, Brooking; Latchford,

Since then Dave Watson has left England to play in West Germany. Emlyn Hughes has taken his many Liverpool medals down the motorway to Wolverhampton and Peter Barnes has left Manchester City to star for West Bromwich Albion.

Two other players of that

England side started this season unsettled Brilliant mid fielder Ray Wilkins awaited the call from Manchester United after Chelsea were relegated to the Second Division. Striker Bob Latchford looks set to leave Everton, the club he joined for the then English record transfer fee in February, 1974

The England team that played and hammered Bulgana 3-0 in Sofia in June at the end of last season started the game with 10 of the players that had played against Denmark. Only Hughes, replaced by Thompson, was missing from the team that kicked-off England's European Championship challenge.

One player certain to play a leading role in England's future plans is the brilliant Kenny Sansom. This season Sansom will test his defensive skills in the First promotion. Not that this will prove any problem for the Selhurst Park

Ipswich Town defender Terry Butcher has made tremendous strides over the past 12 months and has won a regular place in the England Under-21 side (who play Denmark Under-21 at Watford on Tuesday.}

It is, of course, a great pity that England were drawn in the same Group with Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland Even more a pity is that Scotland have a lot to do to win top spot in Group Two

Scotland are three points behind Group leaders Portugal and two behind Austria who have played a game more than Portugal and Scotland But Scotland found their goal touch again in their last European Championship match of last season. They hammered Norway 4-0 in Oslo in June.

Also, there are some exciting Scottish youngsters ready for a call from Scotland, boss Jock Stein as Scotland take on Austria at Hampden Park on October 17 and Belgium at the same venue

Scotland have to travel to Belgium on November 21 and finish with a home game against Portugal on February 7. Wales manager Mike Smith has

performed miracles with his international squad in the past few seasons. In a Group that has four teams in it, Wales hold a two point lead over the 1974 World Cup



How the British Teams stand in their Groups

		GROUP	ONE				
	P	W	D	L	F	Ą	Pts
England	- 2	3	- 1	0	12	4	7
N. Ireland	6	3	1	2	6	9	7
Eire	5	1	3	1	6	- 5	5
Denmark	6	- 1	2	3	13	13	- 4
Bulgaria	5	1	1	3	3	8	3
		GROUP	TWO				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
Austria	- 5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Belgium	4	0	4	0	7 9 3 3	3	4
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Champions West Germany. Wales travel to Germany on October 17 in a match that manager Smith knows holds the key to Group Seven. West Germany won 2 - 0 at Wrexham in May to inflict the only Welsh defeat in the four games they have played.

But the Germans have been unconvincing in their Group so far and with Wates bouncing back after the Wrexham disappointment to win 2-0 in Malta, the stage is set for a battle royal.

Wales finish their matches with a trip to Turkey on November 21. A goal by Nick Deacy gave Wales victory over the Turks at Wrexham last November and manager Smith is confident that his team can repeat the feat



Savoldi — back to his former club Bologna.



Benetti - his move to Roma has weakened the Juventus midfield.



Rossi - wearing the Perugia shirt for the first time

Rough ride for Reds?

WHEN Liverpool make the 7,000 mile round trip to play Russian champions Dynamo Tiblisi on October 3 they'll not only face one of the toughest Iron Curtain sides, but a vociferous 70,000 plus crowd

Dynamo claimed something of a record in Europe in 1977 - they attracted 1,023,000 fans to their 15 home games, an average of 68,200

Tiblisi are packed with Russian internationals, none more so than 1978 Soviet 'player of the year' Ramos Shengelia, a 22-year-old mid-field man who scored 15 goals last year. Other players Liverpool will have to watch closely in this European Cup preliminary round second leg tie are Gucaiev, aged 26, and a prolific scorer, David Kıpilani, player of the year in '77, and captain Maczaradze.

ROSSI ON TWO YEAR

OPENING the frontiers once more to allow foreign players into Italian football has sparked off a stream of traffic abroad as clubs size up the market.

But, ironically, a lot of the transfer speculation during the close-season has rested in the homeland - on the broad shoulders of the brilliant Paolo Rossi

With his club Vicenza sliding into Serie B (Division Two) last season it was inevitable that the 22-year-old striker would soon be moving on to higher things.

A price tag of 5,000,000,000 lire (roughly £3 million) was slapped on him by Vicenza chairman Guiseppe Farina. It is not surprisingly frightening off the queue of would-be buyers. That is until last year's Serie A runners-up Perugia came up with an ingenious deal to loan the player for two seasons without dipping into their

Because Rossi is the best possible publicity vehicle, IBP the giant food company of Perugia - have agreed to meet the 1600,000,000 lire (£888,888) cost of the 'transfer' by

guaranteeing his club different amounts for their position at the end of the season and also for every game played in the UEFA Cup. In return, the entire squad — including Rossi have been 'let' to IBP for advertising purposes.

Perugia obviously see Rossi as the man to give them extra thrust to carry them to the League Championship title. Last time they narrowly missed out. Although they went through the season unbeaten, they were pipped by A.C. Milan.

Milan, in turn, have signed nobody. But they have lost two of their most influential figures. The one-time golden boy of Italy, Gianni Rivera, has hung up his boots to become vicepresident of the club. And trainer Nils Liedholm has turned his attentions to Roma F.C.

Apart from the threat posed by Perugia, Milan can also count on pressure from Juventus - although they have problems in mid-field following the departure of international Benetti to Roma, Inter-Milan look to have a side capable of honours. But they may well have to wait their time with so

many youngsters in the line-up. Outsiders to watch out for are Turin and Naples.

Other interesting moves during the close-season have seen the return of striker Savoidi to Bologna from Naples and the 250 million lire ticket spent on Bellugi, the national side's stopper, to make the opposite trip.

With the Common Market ruling to allow four foreign players back into Italian soccer taking effect from this year, clubs have not been slow to cast envious glances abroad.

Juventus have shown the most ambition. They are said to be toying with offers for Brazilian star Zico (2,000 million lire), Argentina's new wonderkid Maradona (2,000 million lire), and World Cup winner Kempes (1,500 million).

A.C. Milan have set their sights on Krankl of Barcelona (1500,000,000 lire), and the Dutch centre-forward Ruud Geel (800 million) who is presently with Anderlecht. He is sought after by Udine as well. Milan are also interested in Platini (900,000,000 lire) of the French mid field and Brazilian Dirceu (800,000,000).

easer and Quiz Answers



- **Detroit Express**
- 2. Mike Robinson
- 3. **Bobby Houghton**
- Avi Cohen 4.
- Athletico Bilbao 5.
- 6. Daniel Passerella
- 7. Ally Brown
- a) Brisbane Road b) The Victoria Ground cl Deepdale
- Ron Challis
- 10. Valencia
- Ian Porterfield

- 12. Aston Villa
- a) Millwall b) West Bromwich Albion
- Crystal Palace
- Okudera 15.
- 16 Bernard Lacombe
- a) Ken Knighton Gordon Milne c) Bob Stokoe
- 18. lan Edwards
- 19. Kilmarnock
- 20. Malcolm MacDonald

Avi's eligible

AVI COHEN, Liverpool's closeseason capture from Israel, is still eligible to play for his home country in the Olympic Games despite the fact that he is a professional and drawing top wages at Anfield

It makes a mockery of the whole Olympic circus. For just imagine the England team in Moscow next year boosted by the likes of Keegan, Brooking and Clemence to name but three.

Keeper clinches victory



BARCELONA goalkeeper Amiguo proved to be the match winner when his club reached the final of a four-team tournament at

Palma, Majorca.

After a scoreless tie against Vasco de Gama, the match went to penalties, after five attempts each, the score stood at 2-2, then Dudy of Brazil missed and Amiguo scored the clincher. Royal Amberes of Belgium took third place by defeating Honved of Budapest, 2-1. Earlier, Barcelona had also beaten the Belgians on penalties.



BRAZIL kept alive its hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals of the America Soccer Cup, when they beat Bolivia 2-0 in Sao

Ironically, both goals came in the second half when Brazil seemed less in control of the match and

their poor play provoked booing from the 109,000 home crowd. Substitute forward Tita scored in the 46th minute and mid-fielder Zico slipped one in two minutes into injury time.

The match ended in confusion as substitute players invaded the pitch because it appeared Bolivian defender Vargas roughed-up Zico following

the final goal. Earlier in the week, Brazil coach Claudio Coutinho. had barred local soccer fans from watching Brazil practice sessions to prevent heckling of players from Rio de Janeiro who are disliked in Sao Paulo, where the football, they claim, is of a higher standard and should be reflected in national selection.



BELGIAN First Division club Anderlecht have bought Paraguayan

International centreforward Enrique Villalba, from Olympia Asuncion, No fee has been disclosed.



BOTAFOGO of Brazil beat Benfica in Lisbon 2-1, thanks to a couple of goals from Luisinho. Reinaldo scored Benfica's consolation.



THE French national football Cup has been stolen from the clubhouse of FC Nantes, who won it in June at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris and received it from French **President Giscard** d'Estaing.

Unemployed metal workers in Longwy in eastern France claimed they had borrowed the trophy to publicise their

New boy makes mark



Pictured in action for the first time since his £960,000 transfer from West Bromwich Albion is Laurie Cunningham, who has made a hig hit with his new club Real Madrid.

Cunningham takes on Dieter Prestin, from West German club FC Cologne, one of the teams taking part with Real in the Brussels Millennium Tournament in Belgium.



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EXETER (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Parsons 74, Knowles 81) Att. 4.051 Att 4,051 Exeter: * O'KEEFE 9, Rogers, M 4, Hore 4, Giles 4, Hatch 5, Neville 4, Pearson 5, Rogers, P 4, Delve 5, Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Perkins 7, Jones 7, Britey 6, Bowgett 8, Cunningham 6, Ketteridge 6, Parsons 8, Leslie 8, *CORK 9, Knowles 8, Referee: L. F. Burden (Wimbourne) Match Rating: **

Division Four

CREWE (0) 0 LINCOLN (1) 2 (Harford 20, Cunningham 75) Att: 2,238 Crewe: Phillips 6, Wilkinson 6, *BOWERS 8, Purdie 6, Lewis 7, Beal 5, Davies 5, Coyne 5 (sub. Hunter 6), Nelson 5, Sevan 6, Ashworth 5 Watson 7, Saunders 5, Peak 5, Hobson 6, *CARR 8, Harford 6, Cunningham 7, Cockerill 6. Referee: Mr. A. Dobson (Blackburn) Match Rating: **

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Denyer 72) BRADFORD CITY (1) 2 (Hutchins 22, Podd 50) Att: 2,555 Att 2,555

Northampton: Jayes 6, Byatt 6,
Taylor 7, Waldock 7, Farmer 7, Ward
6, Denyer 7, Sergent 6, Bowen 6,
*REILLY 8, McCaffrey 7.
Bradford: Smith 7, *PODD 8,
Watson 6, Robertson 7, Baines 7,
Cooper 6, Wood 6, Dolan 7, Staniforth 6, McNiven 6, Hutchins 7.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: **

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Lambert 75) TRANMERE (0) 2 (Lumby 64, Edwards 86) Peterborough: Waugh 6, Carmichael 6, Collins 5, Heppolette 7, ★ McVAY 8, Foster 6, Gynn 7, Kellock 6, Guy 5. Parkinson 5, Lambert 7.

Tranmere: Johnson 7, Mathias 6, Flood 6, Bramhall 5, Edwards 7, Evans 6, O'Neil 7, Craven 5, Kerr 6, *LUMBY 8, Peplow 7 Referee: Mr. A. D. Cox (South Croydon)
Match Rating: ***

WIGAN (1) 1 (Moore 15) HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Holmes 29, Fletcher 40) Att: 6,927
Wigan: Shine 6, Smart 8, Hinnigan 5,
Gore 5, Ward 6, Frewell 5, Corrigan
6, Wright 5 (sub. Brownbill), Horton 6,
*MOORE 7, Purdle 6.
Huddersfield: Starling 8, Brown 7,
Robinson 7, *HOLMES 9, Sutton 6,
Hanvey 6, Laverick 6, Hart 6, Fletcher
7, Robins 6, Cowling 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: *** Att: 6.927

Friday, Aug. 24

Division Four CREWE ALEXANDRA (0) 2 (Nelson 52, Hunter 67)
TORQUAY UNITED (2) 2 (Sermanni 40, Larmour 45) Att 2,165 Crewe: Phillips 6, Wilkinson 7,*BOWERS 8, Hunter 7, Scott 6, Beat 6 (sub. Dulson 6), Davies D. 5, Lewis 6, Nelson 6, Purdie 6, Ashworth 7. Torquay: Turner 6, Pethard 6, Ritchie 6, Larmour 7, *BOURNE 8,
Sermanni 7, Twitchin 6, Lawrence 6,
Cooper 6, Smith 6 (sub. Davies R)
Murphy 7,
Referes: J. E. Bray (Leicester)
Match Rating: ***

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Jones 60) HARTLEPOOL UNITED (0) 0 Att: 2,600 Rochdale: Watson I. 8, Hallows 8, Snookes 8, Weir 7, Bannon 7, Taylor

8. Esser 7. Scaife 6. * HILDITCH 9. 8, Esser 7, Scalle 6, WHILDITCH 9, O'Laughlin 7, Jones 6.
Hartlepool: Watson J. 5, Norton 6, Gorry 7, Goldthorpe 7, Brooks 7, Ayre 6, Linacre 7, Smith 6 (sub. Loadwick 6), *HOUCHEN 8, Harding 7, Lawrence 7. Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Aug. 25 **Division One**

ARSENAL (0) 0 MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

Att: 44,371
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 7, Nelson 7, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Young 6, Gatting 5 (sub. Walford 7), Sunderland 7, Stapleton 7, **HOLLINS 8, Rix 7.
Manchester United: Bailey 7, Albiston 5, Nicholf 6, McIlroy 7, McQueen 7, Buchan 6, Coppell 5 (sub. Paterson 7), Wilkins 7, **JORDAN 8, Macari 7, Thomas 6. Referee: T. Bune (Billinghurst) Match Rating: *** Att: 44 371

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Mabbutt 19, Ritchie, pen 90) Att: 25,526 Att 25,326
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 6,
Gibson 6, ★EVANS 8, McNaught 6,
Williams 6, Morley 6, Little 7 (sub.
Linton 6), Deehan 6, Cowans 6, Shelton 6.

Bristol City: Shaw 7, Tainton 6,

Whitehead 6, Gow 7, Sweeney 6,

Merrick 6, Fitzpatrick 6, *RITCHIE B,

Mabbutt 7 (sub. Mann 6), Jantenen 6, Royle 7. Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport) Match Rating: **

BOLTON (2) 2 (McNab 6, Whatmore SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (George 86) Bolton: McDonagh 7, Clement 7, Nicholson 6, Greaves 6, Jones, P 7, Walsh 7, Mowak 7, *WHATMORE 8, Gowling 6, Cantello 7, McNab 6. Southampton: Genoe 6, Golac 6 (sub. Williams), Peach 6, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, Waldron 6, Shipley 6, ★BOYER 8, Hebberd 6, George 7, Holmes 6. Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham 7) Match Rating: **

DERBY COUNTY (0) 0
EVERTON (1) 1 (King 30)
Att: 17,817
Derby: Middleton 5, Langdon 7,
Buckley 6, Rioch 4, *McFARLAND
9, Wicks 6, McCaffery 5, Daly 6,
Caskey 4 (sub. Crawford 6),
Greenwood 5, Hill 5.
Everton: Wood 6, Barton 6, Higgins
7 *TODD 8, Bailey 7, Ross 7 7. *TODD 8, Bailey 7, Ross 7, Nutley 6, King 7, Wright 6, Kidd 7, Lyons 5. Referee: A. Challoner (Rotherham) Match Rating: **

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Johnson 11, 59, McDermott 52)
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (0) 1 (Barnes 63) Att: 48,021 Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy A. 7, Thompson 7, Kennedy R. 7, Irwin 7, *DALGLISH 9, Case 8, Johnson 8, McDermott 8, Souness 7. WBA: Godden 7, Batson 6, Statham 6, Brown T. 7, Wile 7, Robertson A. 6, Robson 6, Brown A. 6, Mills 5 (sub. Summerfield), Owen 6, *BARNES 8. Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield) Match Rating: ★★★ MANCHESTER CITY (2) 3 (Power

23, Channon 43, Robinson, pen 48) BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (1) 2 (Maybank 34, Ward 88) Att: 34,557 Manchester City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, Stepanovic 6, Caton 7, Booth 7, Power 6, Mackenzie 6, *SILKMAN 8, Robinson 6, Viljoen 6, Channon 6. Brighton: Steele 6, Gregory 6, Williams 6 * HORTON 8, Rollings 6

(sub. Clark 5), Lawrenson 6, Ryan 6, Ward 7, Maybank 6, Sayer 6, O'Sullivan 6 Referes: P Partridge (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ***

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Cummins 56) C. PALACE (1) 1 (Swindlehurst 40) Att: 24,521 Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 7, Bailey 7, Johnston 6, Ashcroft 6, McAndrew 6, Hodgson 6, Proctor 7, *CUMMINS 8, Burns 6, Armstrong

C. Palace: * BURRIDGE 8. Hinshlewood 7, Sansom 7, Nicholas 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 6, Francis 6, Swindlehurst 7, Flanagan Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: **

NORWICH CITY (2) 2 (Bond, pen 15, LEEDS UNITED (1) 1 (Hart 16) Att: 18,444
Norwich City: Keelan 6, Bond 7,
McDell 6, McGuire 7, Hoadley 7,
Powell 7, Neighbour 6, *REEVES 8,
Fashanu 7, Paddon 7, Peters 7,
Leeds United: Harvey 6, Hird 6,
Hampton 6, *FLYNN 8, Hart 7,
Stevenson 7, Harris 6, Cherry 6,
Hankin 6, Curtis 7, Graham 7,
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: **** Att: 18 444

NOTTM. FOREST (2) 4 (Woodcock 18, McGovern 38, 63, Robertson, pen COVENTRY (0) 1 (English 47) Att: 23,025

Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7,
Gray 7, *McGOVERN 8, Lloyd 6,
Burns 8, O'Neill 6, Hartford 6, Birtles
6, Woodcock 7, Robertson 7 Coventry: Blyth 7, Jones 6 (sub. Roberts), McDonald 7, Blair 5, Holton 5, Gillespie 7, Hutchinson 7,

*ENGLISH 8, Ferguson 7, Powell 6, Hunt 7. Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale) Match Rating: ***

STOKE CITY (2) 3 (Crooks 35, 43, O'Callahan 63) TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Perryman 82) Att. 22,832
Stoke City: Jones 6, Evans 8, Scott 8, Irvin 7, Smith 6, Doyle 6, Busby 7, Heath 8, O'Callaghan 7, *CROOKS 9, Ursem 7 (sub. Richardson 7).
Tottenham: Daines 5, Lee 4, Smith 3, Yorath 4, Lacey 4, *PERRYMAN 7, Pratt 5, Ardiles 6, Falco 4 (sub. McAllister 6), Hoddle 5, Jones 5.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: **** Att 22 832

WOLVES (1) 3 (Carr 37, Daniel 53, Eves 851 IPSWICH (0) 0 Att: 22,024 Wolves: Bradshaw 8, Palmer 7, Wolves: Bradshaw 8, Palmer 7, ★PARKIN 9, Daniel 6, Berry 8, Hughes 8, Hibbitt 7, Carr 6, Rafferty 6, Clarke 7, Patching 6 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Mills 8, Butcher 7, ★THIJSSEN 9, Hunter 6, Osman 6, Wark 5 (sub. Brazil 5), Muhren 6, Mariner 8, Gates 7, Woods 7, Referee: N. Ashley (Cheshire) Metch Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 2

(Barrowclough 5, Dennehy 26) SHREWSBURY TOWN (0) 1 (Tong 72) Att: 5,713 Bristol Rovers: *THOMAS 8, Pulis 6, Bater 5, Airkin 6, Harding 5, Emmanuel 7, Barrowclough 6, Williams 6, White 5, Dennehy 7 (sub. Mabbutt), Clarke 7, Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King, Leonard 6, Turner 7, Griffin 6, Keay 6, Birch 5, Atkins 6, Tong 7, Cross 6, *MANN 8.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ***

BURNLEY (0) 0 NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Mair 39) Att: 6,877

Burnley: *STEVENSON 9, Scott 5, Brennan 5, Noble 6, Thomson 7, Rodaway 6, Ingham 6, Dobson 8, Jakub 6, Kindon 6, James 6.
Notts County: Avramovic 8, Richards
7, O'Brien 7, Hunt 6, *STUBBS 9,
Brockley 8, McCullough 6, Masson 6, Christie 6 (sub. Benjamin 6), Hooks 7, Mair 7. Referee: D. Owen (Wirrall) Match Rating: **

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (1) 2 (Finney 34, 75) WATFORD (1) 2 (Blissett 39, Jenkins Att: 7.606 Att: 7,006
Cambridge Utd: Webster 7, Graham
6, ★SMITH 8, Stringer 7, Fallon 7,
Cozens 6, Christie 6, Spriggs 6,
Buckley 7, Finney 7, Biley 6.
Watford: Sherwood 7, How 7, Harrison 6, Joslyn 6 (sub Booth 6), Sims 7, *BOLTON 8, Pollard 6, Blissett 6, Jenkins 6, Train 7, Mercer Referee: A. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ***

CARDIFF CITY (1) 1 (Stevens 22) BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Evans 5, 10) BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Evans: 5, 10)
Att: 11,314
Cardiff: Healey 5, Jones 6,
*SULLIVAN 8, Campbell 7, Roberts
7, Dwyer 6, Grapes 6, Stevens 7,
Moore 6, Ronson 6, Buchanan 5.
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Page 6,
Dennis 7, Curbishley 5, Geltagher 6,
Towers 6, Anscow 6, Evans 7,
Towers 6, Anscow 6, Evans 7,
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ***

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Walker 58) NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Cassidy 18) Att. 6,849 Chariton: Johns 6, Shaw 6, Warman 6, Tydeman 6 (sub. Churchouse 6), Berry 6, Shipperley 6, Powell 7, *WALKER 8, Robinson 7, Booth 7. Campbell 6. Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Brownlie 7, Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Brownile 7, Davies 6, Martin 6, *BARTON 8, Bird 7, Shoulder 7, Cassidy 7, Withe 7, Hisbitt 6, Nicholson 7 (sub. Cartwright 6).
Referee: A. W. Gray (Norfolk)
Match Rating: ***

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Harris 19, Britton 88, Burnstead 90) WREXHAM (1) 1 (Buxton 12) Att: 18,732
Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Stride 5, Wilkins 6, Droy 6, * HARRIS 8, Britton 7, Bannon 6, Langley 6, Aylott 6, (sub. Burnstead 7), Fillery 5. Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 5, Sutton 6, Hill 5, Davis 6, Jones 7, Giles 6, Vinter 7, Fox 6, * McNEIL 8, Whittle Att: 18.732 7. Buxton 7.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

LUTON TOWN (2) 2 (Hatton 20, Hill ORIENT (0) 1 (Margerrison 55) ORIENT (0) 1 (Margerrison 55)
Att: 6,705
Luton Town: Findlay 7, Stephens 7,
Donaghy 6, *GREALISH 8, Saxby 6,
Price 6, Hill 7, West 6, Stein 5,
Hatton 6, Moss 7.
Orient: Day 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 7,
*MARGERRISON 8, Mayo 6, Taylor
7, Whittle 6, Jennings 6, Chiedozie 7,
Hughton 6, Coates 6,
Referea: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: *** Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Doyle 19) SWANSEA (1) 1 (Waddell 43) Att: 12,116 Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, Wilson 7, Doyle 7, *BAXTER 8, Blackley 7, Bell 6, Coleman 6, Effort 4, Potts 6. Thompson 4 Numpson 4: Swansea: Crudgington 7, Attley 7, Bartley 7, Charles 8, ★PHILLIPS 9, Rushbury 8, Craig 8, Mahoney 7, Toshack 7, Waddle 7, Callaghan 7, Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle) Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (0) 1 (Allen 77, pen) LEICESTER CITY (2) 4 (Peake 12, 82, May 42, Goodwin 90) Att: 13,091

Davidson 5), Gillard 6, McCreery 6, Howe 5, Roeder 6, Neal 6, Shanks 6, Allen 6, Goddard 6, Busby 5
Leicester City: Wallington 7, Williams 6, Rofe 7, Stevens 6, May 7, Kelly 7, Byrne 7, *PEAKE 8, Henderson 7, Young 7, Lee 7 (sub. Goodwin 7).
Referee: R. C. Challis (Tonbridge) Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Arnott 75, Robson, pen 90) FULHAM (0) 1 (Gale 86) Att. 25,506 Att. 25,506 Sunderland: Siddall 7, Wentworth 7, Bolton 7, Chisholm 5, Elliott 7, *CLARKE 8, Arnott 7, Rostron 7, Entwhistle 7, Robson 7, Brown 6. Fulham: Peyton 7, Peters 7, Strong 7, Bullivant 6, * MONEY 8, Gale 7, Marinello 7, Beck 6, Guthrie 7, Lock 6, Davies 6. Referee: D. Richardson (Lancs) Match Rating: ***

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Holland 59) OLDHAM (0) O Att: 18.319 Att: 18,319
West Ham: Parkes 7, Lampard 6,
Brush 6, Bonds 6, Martin 6, Holland
6, Pike 7, Morgan 6, Cross 6,
*BROOKING 8, Devonshire 7
Oldham: Platt 6, Wood 6, Blair 6,
Keegan 7, Hicks 6, Hurst 5, Atkinson
5, Halom 6, Steele 6, *STAINROD Heaton 6 Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury) Match Rating: ***

Division Three

BARNSLEY (1) 2 (Bell 3, Glavin 84) READING (0) 0 Att: 10,451 Att: 10,451
Barnsley: Pierce 7, Flavell 7, Collins
7, Glavin 7, Dugdale 8,
*McCARTHY 9, Little 7, Riley 8,
Reed 7 (sub. Millar), Pugh 7, Bell 8.
Reading: Death 7, Marline 6, White
6, Bowman 7 (sub. Lewis), *HETZKE
8, Sanchez 7, Earles 6, Wanklyn 7,
Heele 7, Alexander 6, Cheetham 6.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ***

CARLISLE UTD (1) 1 (Bannon 10) BURY (0) 0 Att: Cartisle: Swinburne 7, Hoolican 7, McCartney 6, MacDonald 7, Tait 6, Parker 6, Ludlam 7, Bonnyman 6, *BANNON 8, Beardsley 6, McAuley

Bury: Forrest 7, Constantine 6, Bury: Forrest 7, Constantine 0, Kennedy 6, Lugg 6, Waddington 7, Howard 6, ★MULLEN 8, Waldron 7, Beamish 6, Gregory 7 (sub. McIlwraith 7), Taylor 6. Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland) Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (0) 1 (Jones 62) SHEFFIELD UTD. (1) 1 (Speight 30) Att: 6,361
Chester: Lloyd 6, Raynor 7, Walker 5, Storton 4, Cottam 6, Oakes 6, **JONES 8, Ruggiero B, Edwards 6, Phillips 5, Howatt 5 (sub. Jeffries 6). Sheffield Utd: Conroy 6, Moore 4, Tibbot 6, Kenworthy 5, McPhail 4, Matthews 5, **SPEIGHT 8, De Goey 6, Butlin B, Brown 7, Benjamin 7, Referee: K, Walmsley (Blackpool) Match Rating: ****

CHESTERFIELD (0) 3 (Birch 53, 63, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (0) 1 (Graves Att: 5,510 Chesterfield: Letheren 6, Tartt 7,

O'Neill 6, Green 6, Hunter 6, Kowalski 7, Ridley 6, Salmons 7, Birch 7, *MOSS 8, Walker 5, Plymouth: Hards 7, Hodges 7, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, Foster 5, Bason 6, Graves 6 * MEGSON 8, Trusson 5, Randell 7 Johnson 5. Referee: N. Glover (Chorley) Match Rating: ***

EXETER CITY (0) 2 (Rogers 52, MANSFIELD TOWN (0) 1 (Bird 59) 46 MATCH WEEKLY

Exeter: O'Keefe 6, Roberts P 6 (sub. Roberts L. 6), Rogers M. 6, Hore 6, Giles 6, *HATCH 8, Neville 6, Sims 6, Rogers P. 6, Delve 6, Pullar 6. Mansfield: New 6, Dawkins 6, Foster 6, Curtis 6, *WOOD 8, Bird 6, Goodwin 6, Taylor 6, Austin 6, Hamilton 6, Allen 6 Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol) Match Rating: **

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price 55) MILLWALL (1) 1 (O'Callaghan 24) An: 8.769 Att: 8,769
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7,
Barker 7, Overton 6, *WEATHERLEY
8, Crabbe 6, Nichol 7, Bruce.7 (sub.
Westwood), Price 7, Funnell 6,
Richardson 6. Hichardson 6.
Millwall: Jackson 7, Donaldson 7,
Roberts 6, ★ CHATTERTON 8, Tagg
6, Blyth 7, Towner 7, Stevenson 7
(sub. Kinsella), Lyons 6, Mehmet 6, O'Callaghan 6. Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood) Match Rating: ***

GRIMSBY TOWN (2) 4 (Waters, pen 34, Cumming 37, 54, Moore, K 68) BLACKPOOL (2) 3 (Smith 43, Kellow 45, Wilson 50) Att: 7,306 Att: 7,306
Grimsby: Batch 5, Moore, D. 5,
Moore, K. 7, Waters 5, Wiggington 7,
Stone 7, Brolly 6, Ford 6, Liddel 5,
Mitchell 6, *CUMMING 8.
Blackpool: McAlister 5, Thompson 5,
Rashley 5, Doyle 6, Suddaby 6,
McEwan 6, *KERR 8, Kellow 7
Spence (sub, Wilson 7), Weston 7,
Smith 7. Smith 7 Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ***

HULL CITY (1) 2 (Roberts 30, Phillips OXFORD UTD (2) 2 (Cooke 18, Berry Att 4,029 Hull: Blackburn 7, Nisbet 6,
McDonald 6, de Vries 7, Dobson 7,
Haigh 5, Roberts 6, Herswill 5, Farley
7, Bannister 5, * PHINLIPS 8.
Oxford Utd: Burton 6, Fogg 7, Briggs
6, Stott 6, Jeffrey 7, Graydon 8, 6, Stott 6, Jeffrey 7, Graydon 6,

*DUNCAN 8, Foley 6 (sub. Berry 7),
Cooke 7, Hodgson 6.
Referee: T. Farley (Newton Aycliffe)
Match Rating: ***

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Finney 9, Fern Gwyther 461 COLCHESTER (0) 0 Att: 3.728
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Tiler 6, Rhodes 7, Green 7, Breckin 6, Gooding 7, McEwan 8, Gwyther 7, *FERN 9, Finney 8
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 5 (sub. Rowles 5), Wright 5, Leslie 6, Packer 5, Dowman 6, Hodge 6, Gough 6, Foley 5, Lee 6, *ALLINSON 7.
Referee: R. W. Toseland (Market Harborough) Att 3 728 Harborough) Match Rating: ***

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS (1) 3 (Craig 31, Fazackerley 51, McKenzie 59) Att. 14.228 Sheffield Wednesday: Bolder 5, Blackhall 6, Grant 6, *SMITH 7, Pickering 6 (sub. Portfield 6), Pickering 6 (sub. Portfield 6),
Hornsby 5, Curran 6, King 6, Fleming
6, McCulloch 6, Mellor 5.
Blackburn Rovers: Arnold 7, Round
6, Morley 7, Kendall 7, Keeley 6,
Fazackerley 7, Brotherston 7, Fowler
6, Craig 7, *McKENZIE 8, Parks 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ***

SWINDON (1) 4 (Mayes 40, 68, Lewis 49, Rowland 74) BRENTFORD (0) 0 Att: 6.977 Att: 8,977
Swindon: Allan 7, Templeman 6,
Ford 7, McHale 6, Lewis 7, Stroud 7,
Miller 6, Carter 6, Rowland 7,
*MAYES 8, Williams 6. Brentford: Bond 7, Shrubb 6, Salman (sub. Glover 6), McNichol 6, Kruse 7, Fraser 5, Carlton 5, *GRAHAM 8, Holmes 6, Smith 7, Phillips 7, Referee: A Seville (Birmingham) Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Morris 80) Wimbledon: Goddard 6 Perkins 6 Jones 7, Galliers 6, Bowgett 5, Cunningham 5, *KETTERIDGE 8, Persons 6, Leslie 5, Cork 5, Knowles

Southend: Cawston 7, Dudley 6, Moody 6, Cusack 7, Yates 6, Otulakowski 6, *MORRIS 8, Stead 5, Parker 6, Hadley 7, Tuohy 5, Referee: A. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ***

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 3 (Crosby 15, Scott 55, French 60) PORT VALE (1) 1 (Todd 20) Att 2,538 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Scott 6, Bennett 4, Jopling 6, Wooler 5, Longhorn 5 (sub. McGregor 6), Crosby *BRODIE 7, French 6, Dungworth Tomlin 5 b. Iomlin 5.
Port Vale: Connaughton 6, Keenen 6,
Bentley 6, Beech 7, Sproson 5,
Hawkins 5, Todd 7, Farrell 6, Wright
5, Owen 6, *HEALY 8.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ***

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 3 (Massey 4, Chambers, pen 48, Townsend 67) NEWPORT (1) 2 (Oakes 36, Goddard 55) Att: 5,428 7, Ferns 7, Impey 6, Townsend 7, *BRYANT 8, Chambers 7, Holder 7, Massey 7, MacDougall 6, Heffernan 6.
Newport: Plumley 6, Walden 7.
Relish 6, Davies 6, Oakes 7, Bruton 6,
Vaughan 6, Lowndes 6, Goddard 7,
Tynan 7, *MOORE 8.
Referee: A, D. Cox (Croydon)
Match Rating: ***
Sendings Off: Chembers 48.

BRADFORD CITY (0) 2 (Wood 57, McNiven 65) TRANMERE ROVERS (0) 0 AH: 4 627 Bradford: Smith 7, * PODD 8, Watson 6, Robertson 6, Baines 7, Cooper 7, Wood 6, Dolan 6, Staniforth Cooper 7, wood 6, Dail 9, Station 6, McNiven 7, Hutchins 6
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6, Flood 6, Bramhall 7, Edwards 6, Evans 6, ★ O'NEIL 8, Craven 6, Kerr 6, Lumley 6, Peplow 6. Referee: D. Clarke (Accrington) Match Rating: ***

HEREFORD (1) 1 (McGrellis 31) DARLINGTON (0) 0 Att: 4.031 Hereford: Hughes 7, Price 7, Thomas 7, Hunt 7, Layton 7, Emery 7, White 7, Feeley 7, McGrellis 7 (sub. Gould **#CUNNINGHAM 8.** b), *CONNINGHAM 8.

Darlington: *OWERS 8. Coleman 7.
Cochrane 7. Nattrass 7. Bambridge 7.
Taylor 6 (sub, McLean 7), Crossan 6.
Charlton 6. Seal 7. Ellis 6. Walsh 6.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Newton Abboth Match Rating: ***

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Holmes, pen 30, Couling 46, Robins 48) DONCASTER ROVERS (0) Att- 5 232 Huddersfield: Starting 7, Brown 7, Sutton 7, Hanley 7, Robinson 7, *HOLMES 8, Lavitok 7, Couling 7, Hart 6, Fletcher 7, Robins 7. Hart 6, Fletcher 7, Robins 7.

Doncaster Rovers: Peacock 7,
Russell 6, Bradley 7, Dowd 7, Ripley
7, Lally 7 (sub. Lewis), Dowie 7,

*BENTLEY 8, Pugh 6, Nimmo 7, Warboys 6. Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham) Match Rating: 本本本

WALSALL (0) 2 (Penn 58, 75) PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Keltock 2, HALIFAX (1) 1 (Johnson 44) PORTSMOUTH (3) 6 (Brisley 7, Garwood 32, 42, Laidlaw 50, Rogers 79, 88)

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 1

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Pilling 51)

STOCKPORT COUNTY (0) 1 (Lee WIGAN (2) 2 Houghton 14, Gore 29)

YORK CITY (0) 0 LINCOLN (0) 2 (Carr 65, Hobson 80) Att 2,716 Att. 2,716
York: Brown 7, *KAY 8, Walsh 7, Pugh 7, Faulkner 6, Clements 7, Ford 6, Randall 7, Stronach 6 (sub. Byrne 6), McDonald 7, Staniforth 6 Lincoln: Grotter 7, Guest 7, Crouch 7, Watson 7, Saunders 7, Peake 7, Hobson 8, Carr 8, Harford 7, ★CUNNINGHAM 9, Cockerill 7.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield) Match Rating: ***



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DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Sturrock ABERDEEN (1) 3 (McGhee 24,

Harper 58, Archibald 63) HIBERNIAN (3) 5 (McLeod 19, Callaghan 33, Hutchinson 39, 85, Rae

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DUNDEE (2) 2 (Paterson 13 og, Redford 45 pan)

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 2 (Melrose 9, McAdam 76 pen) RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 82)

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